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Yau Ma Tei	Dep.	8.50	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44
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Tai Po	Dep.	9.10	9.44	11.04	12.34	1.49	5.09
Tai Po Market	Dep.	9.20	9.54	11.14	12.44	1.59	5.19
Fanning	Dep.	9.30	10.04	11.24	12.54	2.09	5.29
Shung Shui	Dep.	9.40	10.14	11.34	13.04	2.19	5.39
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BETTING.

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The following sermon was preached in St. John's Cathedral on Sunday morning by the Rev. H. Copley Moyle, M.A., the Senior Chaplain:—

"And the Serpent said unto the woman ye shall not surely die."—GENESIS 3.1v.

We have just heard the old familiar story of Paradise Lost. The writer seeks to explain how sin and misery found their way into the world and he puts his answer into the form of a story. The details of the story are not to be taken literally but symbolically, and so understood they are wonderfully true to human experience. A modern commentator on the third chapter of Genesis writes, "Adam is the representative of the human race. The story of his temptation, fall and consequent forfeiture of Paradise shadows forth some of the greatest mysteries of the human lot, the strangely mingled glory and shame of man, his freedom of action, the war between the law in his members and the law of his mind. It thus comes to have a universal significance and shows each man, as in a mirror, his own experience. When he reads this narrative, his conscience says to him, like a prophet of God: 'Thou art the man: the story is told of thee!' We take the story of Eden as an allegory and not as history, and we need not think that this is a new idea for Origin, an early Christian writer so regarded it."

The story shows us evil coming into the human race. The Serpent introduces it. "It was not the product of the human heart but came from outside. But it found in the human heart some thing which was attracted by it. The Serpent began by suggesting a doubt of God's goodness. He approached the woman as the weaker of the two, and he exaggerated the prohibition. And the woman listens to him. Instead of being shocked at the imputation made by the Serpent against God, she allows her eyes to dwell on the forbidden fruit, and its attractions prove too great. God's warning was forgotten. She ate the forbidden fruit and gave to her husband. And the first result of disobedience was the awakening of conscience. The knowledge brought shame. "It is a parable of every sinner's experience. In every temptation there are an exciting cause without and an answering inclination within; every act of submission to temptation is a choice exercised by the will, and the result of sin is an uneasy conscience and a haunting sense of shame."

We are all subject to temptation and temptation is not sin. Our Blessed Lord was tempted but refused to yield to the temptation. And we too can do as He did and not follow the example of Eve. If she had at once gone away from the tempter all might have been well. It is a very dangerous thing to think over a temptation. The more we think of it the more familiar it becomes, and the less terrible it appears. Beware of the danger of cherishing a temptation. Do not dally with it and let it occupy your thoughts, but get right away from it at once if you can. Very often when someone has surprised and shocked the world by committing some crime or sin of which no one thought him capable, it is the result of thinking over a temptation instead of banishing it at once. Unknown to all about him the man has dwelt upon the temptation and what seems to the world a most surprising fall is the natural result of hugging a temptation. Many temptations are a result of idleness. The old hymn taught a true lesson when it said "Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do." Very often the best antidote for temptation is more occupation. Everyone ought to have some work to do and be able to maintain himself by it. Even if parents have money enough to support their children in idleness it is much better for them and for the community to give them an occupation. It was the rule of the Jews that every boy, however wealthy should learn a trade, and in these days of equality of the sexes it ought to be the rule that every girl as well as every boy should be taught some means of earning a living and filling a useful place in the community instead of merely cumbering the ground. There is one form of temptation which may be a very real one to some people here this week. I suppose no one can have any objection to Races in themselves. Horse and pony racing is a perfectly good form of sport, but it seems nowadays to be accompanied by a perfect orgy of betting and gambling. And gambling may be a terrible vice leading to ruin and degradation. We know that betting has spread to such an extent in England that colossal sums of money change hands by this means, and there was recently a sharp controversy about the proposal to subject that money to taxation.

The question may be asked "Is it wrong to bet?" I myself should hesitate to say that it is necessarily wrong in every case. But I should say that it is always dangerous and it may be very wrong. I remember when Bishop Norris of North China conducted a mission here in 1918. At one of the meetings he was asked if it was wrong to play cards for money and his reply was to the effect that it was not necessarily wrong but it was dangerous. But he thought the danger could be avoided by making a rule to give all your winnings to charity. And if you did that you would never become a gambler. Very often people will tell you that they do not bet in order to win money but in order to have an interest in the race and to get a little excitement. If that is the case let them give anything they win to charity and they will not become gamblers. But I am very sceptical on that subject. I believe 99 per cent. of the people who bet do it in the hope of getting money, money remembered for which they have given no value, and done no work. And I think that very often the man who wins a large sum by betting is to be pitied even more than the man who loses, for if he is unaccustomed to have such a large sum of money at his disposal it is very likely to be his ruin.

Betting is undeniably causing an untold amount of misery in England to-day. The tempter may whisper to you that for you it has no danger. That it will do no harm to go in for a sweepstake or to back the pony you fancy, but remember that even if it does you no harm your example may encourage someone else to do it and that person may be led to his ruin, and you are your brother's keeper. If your object in betting is simply to have a little excitement then make a resolve to give your winnings to some charity, but if it is to get something for nothing then realise that the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. There are I know some people who take great interest in races yet never bet. May their number increase! But it cannot be denied that as a rule horse races everywhere are accompanied (and to my mind ruined) by a tremendous amount of betting, which arouses the worst passions and the most ugly tempers. Betting and gambling are undoubtedly responsible for much evil in the world to-day and we shall do well to avoid these evils. They do not bring out the best but the worst of a person's character, and the safest plan for a Christian is to avoid a practice so fraught with evil—and which has brought so many to ruin and misery. You cannot serve God and Mammon, though there have always been many people who have tried to do so. It is because so many professing Christians are trying to accomplish this impossible feat that the work of God's Kingdom does not go forward as it ought.

PSYCHICAL QUEST.

PRIMATE ON THE NEEDS OF
THE YEAR.

In his New Year's message to the clergy and laity of the diocese of Canterbury the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. Randall Davidson) says he detects the trend of the hour to be a growing sense of unity, which demands expression.

Thinkers and scientists are now linked in a common quest. He says:

"The body of man is no longer adequately studied until the student brings to it the consideration of things physical and even spiritual. 'This New Year, at centre after centre, men are waking to the call. Jerusalem itself is, we are told, to see a great gathering of the Churches of the East. Rome has its Holy Year, and in its vast life is not insensitive, we believe, to the movement on the face of the waters. In Stockholm men from both sides of the Atlantic and from many Churches will consider the bearing of our common faith upon the facts of common life."

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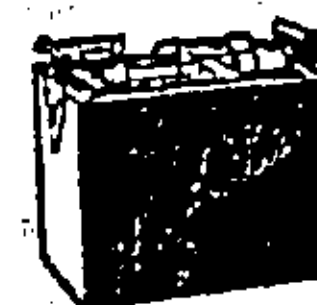


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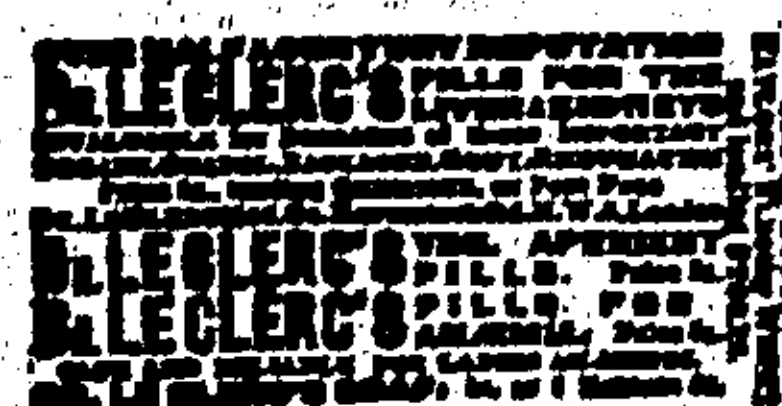
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LARGE INCREASE OF IMPORTS.

The Board of Trade returns for December, which complete the record for the year, show that in 1924 the value of imports was £1,279,844,597, an increase of £183,813,333. Exports were valued at £796,384,581, an increase of £38,106,180, while re-exports of foreign and colonial produce amounted to £140,148,000, a gain of £21,000,000. The adverse balance in commodities for the month of December rose to the very high level of 50 millions, raising the excess of imports over exports for the year to £344,331,000, against £210,000,000 for 1923.

About 40 per cent. of the increase in import values was in raw material, chiefly cotton and wool. In most cases there were increases in quantity as well as value, though wool, which rose by only 288,000 cwt., cost 7,630,573 cents, cost £23,800,000 more at £75,274,621. Imports of manufactured goods were on a larger scale, the year's increase being £42,837,134. The chief item in the list of gains was iron and steel, of which we imported 1,100,000 tons more than in 1923. Imports of food, drink, and tobacco rose by £24,004,877. Exports of British manufactured goods showed an increase of £38,320,871, but coal shipments, which during the previous year were stimulated by the Ruhr occupation, fell by £27,767,890. Including coal and manufactured fuel the coal trade suffered a shrinkage in exports of £31,500,000. Exports of food, drink, and tobacco rose by £12,884,563. In exports of manufactured goods the lead was taken by cotton yarns and manufactures, which showed an increase of £21,000,000, wool textiles following with a gain of £5,167,033. Most industries recorded larger exports, among the exceptions being iron and steel, electrical goods and apparatus, chemicals, and new ships. There was an appreciable recovery in the transshipment trade, exports of foreign and colonial produce having been £140,148,000, a gain of £21,000,000.

SHARE SALE ABUSES.

NEW LEGISLATION MOOTED.

Legislation is probable this Parliamentary Session to amend the Companies Act, in order to deal with certain abuses in connection with the sale of shares. Sir Henry Cautley will introduce the Bill, which was presented last Session by Mr. M. Samuel, now Parliamentary Secretary to the Department of Overseas Trade. It provides that any advertisement, circular, letter, notice, or other invitation to the public offering for sale any securities shall be regarded as a prospectus within the meaning of the Act, and with reference to all its liabilities and penalties.

Every such offer of shares will be subject to the Act, unless the company or person holding the shares has had possession of them for a period of not less than two years immediately before the sale.

It is notorious that in many cases important companies issuing new shares do not offer them to the public directly, but sell them in a block to brokers or others, who afterwards offer them to the public at special terms, or with special inducements for which they are not answerable to the law at present.

Such support is forthcoming for the Bill from all sides that the Government may treat it as an agreed measure, and refer it to committee.

GOLD AS CURRENCY.

SOUTH AFRICA'S DECISION.

It was officially announced on January 13th that the South African Government had received from Dr. Kemmerer, and Dr. Vissering, the members of the Currency Commission, the report of the result of their inquiry into the subject of the resumption of gold payments. The Commissioners recommended the resumption of gold payments on July 1st by allowing the existing legislation to take its course, and that the Government should make an immediate announcement to this effect. With a view to assisting the restoration of the gold standard and its maintenance once it has been restored, the Commissioners recommended that the South African Reserve Bank should in future operate in the open market more actively than it has done in the past. The Government has decided that it will not introduce legislation postponing the resumption of the gold payments beyond June 30th. Specie payments will accordingly be resumed on July 1st, or at such earlier date as may be necessary under the existing legislation.

ROYAL HUNTER.

THE DUKE OF YORK'S GOOD SHOOTING.

On New Year's Day the Duke of York went out at Siolo, accompanied by Capt. Ayre, the hunter, to inspect a zebra which had been put out as lion bait, and on the way a lioness crossed the track. The Duke fired and the lioness took refuge in the scrub. Dogs from the camp were sent in to rouse the creature, but instead disturbed two buffaloes, which appeared on one either side of the party. The Duke fired one barrel to the right and the second to the left, each shot killing one buffalo. It was later discovered that the lioness also was dead.

CINEMA NOTES.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"The Child Thou Gavest Me," a First National attraction, starts to-day at the Queen's Theatre for four days. The cast includes such celebrities as Lewis Stone, Barbara Castleton, William Desmond, Adelle Farrington, Winter-Hall and last, but not least, little Richard Headrick who has won his way into millions of hearts by his acting in previous pictures.



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1925, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of
receiving a Report of the Directors, together
with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a
Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 5th Feb-
ruary, to THURSDAY, 19th February, 1925, both
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of Shares can be registered.By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
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for the purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors and the Statement of Accounts for
the year ended December 31st, 1924.The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, FEBRUARY
20th, 1925, to THURSDAY, MARCH 5th, 1925,
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F. H. CRAPNELLE,
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Hongkong, February 12th, 1925. [1864]

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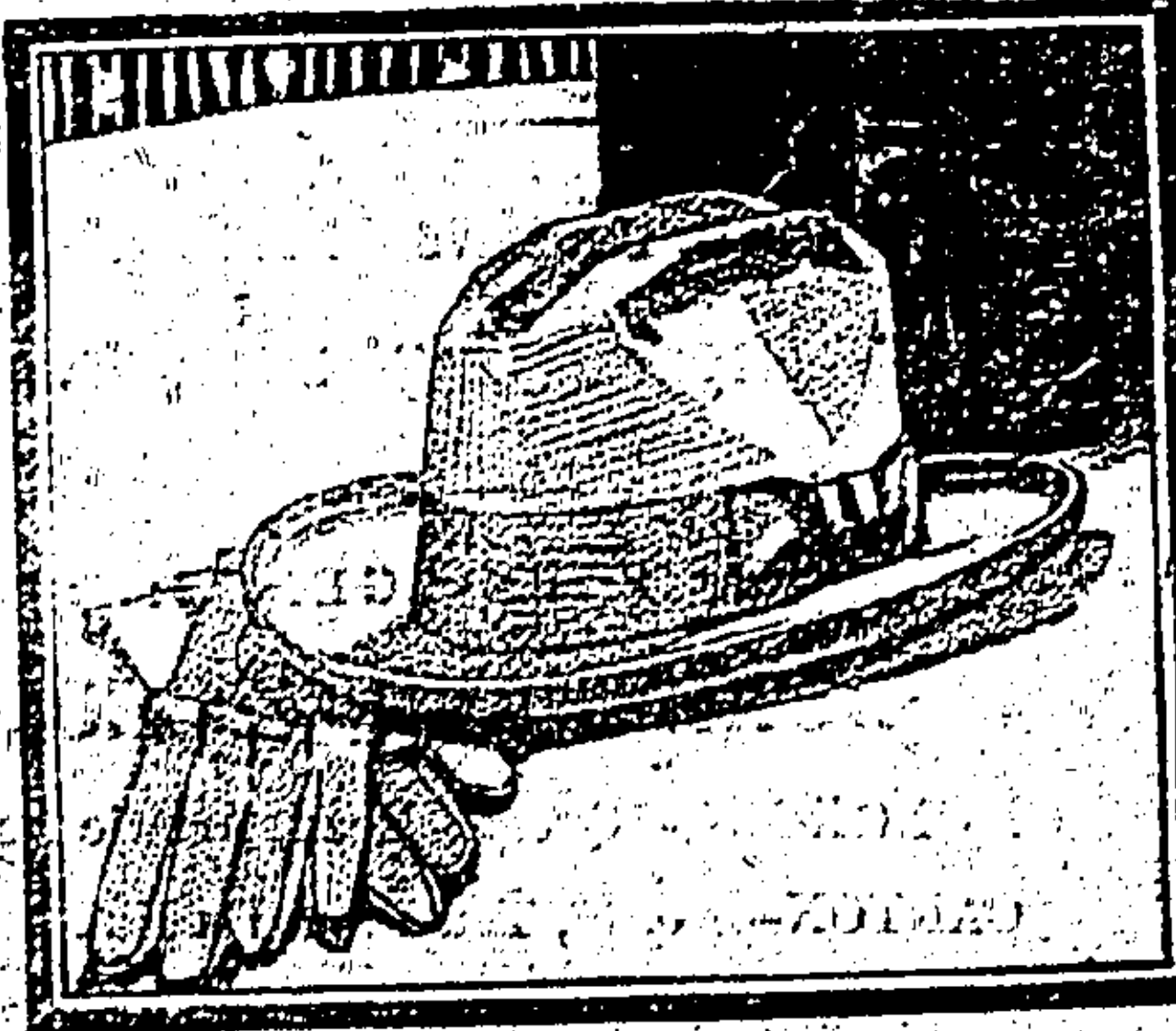
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Though the weather looked threatening in the early hours yesterday, the sun was shining brightly by 11 o'clock when the crowd began to gather at the Happy Valley course. It grew as the day wore on into what seemed to be a record gathering. As far as the members' enclosure was concerned, despite what is believed to be a record attendance there for a first day, there was always sufficient elbow room. H.E. the Governor, Sir Edward Stubbs, and party arrived just before the start for the Maiden Stakes and remained till the last race.

Owing to the anticipation of upsets in the races for griffins and the manner in which the public backed two against the field in some of the other races, less money than usual passed through the totalisator, but the cash sweeps were remarkably well patronized.

THE RACING.

The day's racing was exciting enough to satisfy most people, especially in the races for the Foochow Cup, the Racing Stakes and the final event when many considered Prince Regent had shot his bolt as the distance post was reached.

In the Wong Nei Chong Stakes, the first race of the day, 18 ponies went to the post. Mr. Dynast's King Ptolemy was installed an odds on favourite and fully justified the confidence as he won handily from Tadworth, a poor third favourite, and Spaghetti, who only attracted 12 punters and was but little better supported for a place.

The talent received somewhat of a shock, in the second event when Charcoal, third favourite, upset a firm public fancy in Wimmera. In addition, Gimlet also failed to get a place, Persian Parrot and Blotting Paper filling second and third positions and returning dividends of \$46 and \$72.20 respectively.

As anticipated, Victoria, Messrs. Toeg and Priestley's mare, annexed the Stakes that bear her name, paying \$5.30 to win and \$5.50 for a place.

The Valley Stakes was the last race before tiffin and was the medium for some brisk betting. Mowgli, with 541 tickets, was first choice; Uncle Dick (461) came next, King Louis (188) and Flying Star (182) third with Grecian Parrot (53), Nugget (51) and Tea Shop (49) next in order. Though the favourite was beaten, the winner seemed all out at the finish.

MR. CROKAM'S RUSE

In the Foochow Cup (2 miles), the first race after tiffin, Mr. Crokam, on Kagashima, proved the old saying that while a horse can give away poundage with seeming impunity—distance is quite another matter. Jumping off with the lead, Kagashima cut out the first mile in 2.04.1-5, the 1½ miles in 2.39.3-5 and though his last quarter was 35.3-5 Grey Knight did not get within 2 lengths of him. It was a thoroughly well-deserved win, though none the less lucky. Clover Club was the disappointment of the race, but Grey Dragon ran exceedingly well. The time was much faster than the average.

In the Trial Plate, Local Option was on view. He was naturally a red-hot favourite and although he won by 4 lengths, Mr. Maitland had to shake him

up coming down the straight and he did not appear to answer too gamely. It is true that he shied at a piece of paper, on the course, 100 yards from home, but many good judges were disappointed at his display.

The Garrison Cup was won by Mr. Dynast's King Alfred for the second year in succession. He beat a firm second favourite in Loch Rannoch, with Jungle Cock third. Mr. Dynast, thanks to the hardy old Spotted Sand, also won the Chater Cup, the ponies finishing according to the placings predicted in these columns yesterday. Spotted Sand's price was 5-1 on.

The Jockey Club Cup introduced us to Messrs. Dunbar and Stanton's Chicago, who won handily from King of the Plains with Booran a poor third. The time was 2.37.4-5, last quarter 30, a better performance than that of Local Option in every way.

The Racing Stakes attracted fifteen, King of Hearts being a pronounced favourite, Grey Morn second choice and Anchenreoch third. In a ding-dong finish down the straight, Grey Morn gained the verdict by a head, with Gypsy Love (half a length in front of Anchenreoch) two lengths away.

The last race of the day proved an exercise gallop for Prince Regent, though King Johnnie achieved what has not been done previously by making Prince Regent bustle at the finish. The final verdict was two lengths and the time 1.50.3-5 compared to the record of 1.48.1-5.

DETAILS OF YESTERDAY'S RACING FOLLOW:

1.—WONG NEI CHONG STAKES.

Winner, \$600; Second, \$200; Third, \$100. For China ponies, subscription griffins of any season non-winners. Weight for inches as per scale. (Jockey allowance).—Half a mile. Mr. Dynast's King Ptolemy, 158 lbs. (Mr. A. J. P. Heard) 1. Mrs. H. Birkett's Jadworth, 155 lbs. (Mr. T. Doyle) 2. Mr. John Peel's Spaghetti, 155 lbs. (Mr. Maitland) 3.

Also ran:—Gilbert (V. M. Hainovich), Martlet (Buck), Emsy Leaf (A. Harriman), Urgent (W. G. Crokham), Strathorne (Lt.-Col. Thompson), Aces Up (E. Muller), Two Pairs (A. H. Potts), Squawk (I. Zellenzky), Ulu (Deat), Scarcecrow (Davies), Duke of Orleans (G. H. Gibson), Uncle Tom (E. McBain), Chiku (Pollock), Nassau (W. J. Stanton), Kim (Capt. E. Hall). Won by a length; half a length between second and third.

Time: 30.3-5; 1.02.3-5. After seven false starts the field were got well away. Squawk took the lead, closely followed by King Ptolemy, still closely followed by the second bend, when they rounded the second bend, when Half Doyle, on Tadworth moved up into the picture. A good race home resulted in King Ptolemy winning by a length from Tadworth with Spaghetti, half a length away, third. Pari-mutuel: Winner \$8.10. Places: 1, \$3.80; 2, \$1.2; 3, \$0.50. Cash Sweep: Nos. 477, \$1,001; 387, \$286; 338, \$143. Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 209, 245, 314, 75, 581, 347, 453, 450, 168, 491, 196, 52, 334, 149, 214.

2.—THE MAIDEN STAKES.

Winner, \$750; Second, \$250; Third \$150. For China ponies, subscription griffins of this meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription griffins of this meeting allowed 7 lbs.—Six furlongs.

Mr. John Peel's Charcoal, 155 lbs. (Mr. Maitland) 1. Mr. Rodi's Persian Parrot, 149 lbs. (Mr. Haimovitch) 2. Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Blotting Paper, 155 lbs. (Lt.-Col. Thompson) 3. Also ran:—Solly (Crokham), Alcantara (Encarnacao), Doverdon (Pollock), Peach Leaf (Harriman), Saracen (McBain), Gimlet (Doyle), New York (Stanton), King Emperor (Heard), Douai Abbey (Zellenzky), Wimmera (Gibson), Jester (Davies), Mystic Dablia (Moller), Uncle Edward (Potts), Ballymoney (Nemace).

Won by two lengths; one length between second and third.

Time: 31; 1.01.3-5; 1.32.1-5.

The race was somewhat delayed in starting, Peach Leaf throwing Mr. Harriman in the paddock, and not going to the post. In a breakaway, Jester went a furlong before he was pulled up, and King Edward carried Mr. Potts the whole way round the course. When the flag eventually dropped, King Emperor led, with Wimmera behind until half the course had been covered. On turning into the straight King Emperor fell back, and Charcoal came fast on the outside, and took the lead with Persian Parrot moving into second place, and Blotting Paper third, in which order they passed the winning post.

Pari-mutuel: Winner, \$28.30. Places: 1, \$14.80; 2, \$4.6; 3, \$7.20. Cash Sweep: Nos. 24, \$1,296.40; 131, \$370.40; 110, \$185.20. Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 217, 728, 130, 325, 660, 725, 45, 140, 412, 25, 285, 478, 407, 152.

3.—THE VICTORIA STAKES.

Winner, \$750; Second, \$250; Third, \$150. For all China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale.—One mile.

Messrs. Toeg and Priestley's Victoria (late Tania Australias), 155 lbs. (Mr. Crokham) 1. Mr. Dynast's Friarsfield, 155 lbs. (Mr. Heard) 2. Mr. Bagram's Gump, 150 lbs. (Mr. Moller) 3.

Also ran:—Mint Julep (late Diamond Land), Encarnacao, Rayfield (Gibson), Farmland (Sewell).

Won by seven lengths; three lengths between second and third.

Time: 31.1-5; 1.03.1-5; 1.36.3-5; 2.06.4-5.

Rayfield took the lead, with Friarsfield second, and Victoria lying at Friarsfield's quarters. Passing the six furlong post, Victoria moved into second place. As they swung into the back straight Victoria went up to Rayfield, and took the lead, just after passing the half mile post. Passing the three furlong post, Victoria had a clear lead of one and a half lengths. Friarsfield and Gump, coming down the straight made a vain attempt to catch the mare. Friarsfield was second with Gump third. Mint Julep was last, and pulled up lame.

Pari-Mutuel: Winner, \$5.30. Places: 1, \$3.50; 2, \$1.30; 3, \$0.60.

Cash Sweep: Nos. 38, \$1,992.80; 189, \$570.80; 540, \$253.40.

Unplaced Ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 35, 62, 591.

4.—THE VALLEY STAKES.

Winner, \$750; Second, \$250; Third, \$150. For subscription griffins of this meeting. Weight for inches as per scale.—Six furlongs.

Mr. Relyon's Uncle Dick, 158 lbs. (Mr. McBain) 1.

Mr. Sha's Mowgli, 155 lbs. (Mr. Moller) 2.

Mr. John Peel's Nugget, 152 lbs. (Mr. Maitland) 3.

Also ran:—Joe (Buck), Flying Star (Doyle), Poppy Leaf (Harriman), Upwoman (Lt.-Col. Thompson), King Louis (Heard), Tea Shop (Zellenzky), Ulu (Sewell), Parran (I. Nemace), Monitor (Davies), Grecian Parrot (Haimovitch), Demon Bay (Gibson).

Won by a length; three lengths between second and third.

Time: 31.4-5; 1.01.1-5; 1.33.1-5.

A fair start was obtained at the first attempt, and when the field came into view Monitor was leading, but was ousted by King Louis at the 3 furlong post. At the bend for home Uncle Dick took the lead, closely followed by Mowgli. At the distance post Mowgli tried to come through on the rails, but Uncle Dick won handily. Nugget was a fair third.

Pari-Mutuel: Winner, \$15.70. Places: 1, \$8.60; 2, \$3.10; 3, \$1.65.

Cash Sweep: Nos. 187, \$1,857.80; 338, \$500.80; 502, \$253.40.

Unplaced Ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 4, 683, 321, 51, 142, 174, 782, 478, 447, 3, 528.

5.—THE FOOCHOW CUP.

Winner, \$600; Second, \$200; Third, \$100. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have run at any previous meeting in Hongkong or China and have never won a race and griffins of this meeting allowed 5 lbs. Subscription griffins of this meeting allowed 10 lbs. (Jockey allowance).—Two miles.

Messrs. Toeg and Priestley's Kagashima, 158 lbs. (Mr. Crokham) 1. Mr. John Peel's Grey Knight, 150 lbs. (Mr. Maitland) 2. Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Grey Dragon, 155 lbs. (Lt.-Col. Thompson) 3.

Also ran:—Clover Club (late Portland), (Doyle), Duke of Frisco (late Silver Leaf) (Gibson), Prohibition (Pollock), Durian (Capt. Oxspring).

Won by two lengths; four lengths between second and third.

Time: 30.2-5; 1.00.1-5; 1.33; 2.06.1-5; 2.39.3-5; 3.14; 3.50.1-5; 4.25.4-5.

From the fall of the flag Kagashima went to the front. Clover Club and Grey Knight moved up at the half-mile post, when Kagashima had established a lead of many lengths. As the ponies passed the post the second time Grey Knight and Clover Club were lying second and third, many lengths away from the leader. Passing the six furlong post Grey Knight was four lengths ahead of Clover Club. At the four furlong post Clover Club had fallen back to fourth, with Duke of Frisco and Durian the last two. Swinging for home Grey Knight began to reduce Kagashima's lead and came very fast down the straight, but Kagashima just managed to get home, under the whip, by 1½ lengths. Grey Dragon was third, Duke of Frisco fourth, and Durian fifth.

Pari-Mutuel: Winner, \$7.50. Places: 1, \$5.90; 2, \$2.80; 3, \$7.80.

Cash Sweep: Nos. 363, \$3,370; 74, \$1,202; 278, \$510.

Unplaced Ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 841, 33, 751, 157.

6.—THE TRIAL PLATE.

Winner, \$600; Second, \$200; Third, \$100. For China ponies, subscription griffins of this meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Subscription griffins of this meeting allowed 7 lbs. Winner of the Maiden Stakes 5 lbs. extra. (Jockey allowance).—One mile and a Quarter.

Mr. John Peel's Local Option, 158 lbs. (Mr. Maitland) 1.

Mr. Ferdinand's Curiosity Shop, 155 lbs. (Mr. Zellenzky) 2.

Mr. John Peel's Grey Streak, 152 lbs. (Mr. Pollock) 3.

Also ran:—The Bee (Encarnacao), Beldorney Star (Doyle), Primrose Leaf (Harriman), King of the Castle (Heard), Newtownstewart (A. H. Potts), Tootna (McBain).

Won by 4 lengths; half a length.

Time: 31.2-5; 1.03.3-5; 1.30.2-5; 2.08.1-5; 2.59.1-5.

The field got off at the first attempt. On passing the stand for the first time the order was Grey Streak, King of the Castle, Local Option, with Newtonstewart whipping in. Grey Streak led to the four furlong post, with Local Option running second, and King of the Castle third. Rounding the bend Local Option moved up, and came away, but Mr. Maitland appeared to be "riding" him at the finish. Curiosity Shop secured second place and Grey Streak was third. Beldorney Star was fourth.

Pari-Mutuel: Winner, \$5.20. Places: 1, \$6.10; 2, \$10.60; 3, \$18.70.

Cash Sweep: Nos. 419, \$3,370; 469, \$1,020; 1273, \$510.

Unplaced Ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1002, 381, 1079, 1084, 21, 390.

7.—THE GARRISON CUP.

Presented by the Officers of the Garrison, with \$400 for Winner; Second, \$250; Third, \$150. For subscription griffins of any season. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners at any previous meeting of one race 7 lbs. of more than one 10 lbs. extra. Penalties accumulative. (Jockey allowance).—One mile.

Mr. Dynast's King Alfred, 152 lbs. (Mr. Heard) 1.

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Loch Rannoch, 152 lbs. (Lt.-Col. Thompson) 2.

Mr. Ferdinand's Jungle Cock, 145 lbs. (Mr. Zellenzky) 3.

Also ran:—Biotite (Harriman), Rialto Star (Doyle), King Canute (Davies), Two Pairs (Potts), Lumbria (Scott), Langsat (Maitland), Jimmy Lad (Gibson), A.B. (Encarnacao), Mountain Hawk (Moller), Quab (Potts), Bonnie Dundee (Nemace).

Won by 1½ lengths; half a length.

Time: 31.4-5; 1.05; 1.38.4-5; 2.10.

Jimmy Lad and Loch Rannoch led, leaving the rest, in a bunch, except Mountain Hawk, who was pulled up after going two furlongs. Passing the half mile post Loch Rannoch had a slight lead from Jimmy Lad. King Alfred joined them at the turn into the straight, Junglecock being third. At the distance post King Alfred got his head in front, and came away to win handily by 1½ lengths.

Pari-Mutuel: Winner, \$10. Places: 1, \$6.60; 2, \$3.30; 3, \$15.70.

Cash Sweep: Nos. 887, \$3,465; 1284, \$890; 1241, \$495.

Unplaced Ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 640, 320, 671, 824, 358, 1110, 647, 312, 453, 237, 218.

8.—THE CHATER CUP.

Valued \$1,000 to Winner; Second, \$300; Third, \$200. For China ponies that have run in at least three extra meetings in Hongkong during the season 1924. Weight for inches as per scale. Winner during 1924 of one race 5 lbs. of two races 7 lbs. of three or more races 10 lbs. penalty. (Jockey allowance).—From the Two Mile Post Once Round and in. (About one mile 165 yards).

Mr. Dynast's Spotted Sand, 165 lbs. (Mr. Heard) 1.

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Rothsay, 155 lbs. (Lt.-Col. Thompson) 2.

Capt. R. Neville's Rivergrass, 163 lbs. (Mr. Davies) 3.

Also ran:—Starland (Da Roza), Koh-I-Noor (Pollock).

Won by two lengths; seven.

Time: 12.4-5; 46.11.3-5; 1.52.2-5; 2.22.2-5.

The ponies were all in close company as they passed the stand, Koh-I-Noor leading, with Spotted Sand last. There was little change to the half-mile post, when River Grass showed in front. Spotted Sand made the running passing the 1½ mile post, but failed to get up. At the bend Spotted Sand and Rothsay came away and the former won comfortably, with River Grass a poor third.

Pari-Mutuel: Winner, \$8. Places: 1, \$5.40; 2, \$2.40.

Cash Sweep: Nos. 292, \$3,494.40; 1252, \$988.40; 241, \$499.70.

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 714, 412.

9.—THE JOCKEY CLUB STAKES.

Winner, \$600; Second, \$200; Third, \$100. For China ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Griffins of this meeting allowed 5 lbs. Subscription griffins of this meeting allowed 10 lbs. extra. (Jockey allowance).—One mile and a Quarter.

Messrs. Dunbar and Stanton's Chicago, 154 lbs. (Mr. Doyle) 1.

Mr. Dynast's King of the Plains, 160 lbs. (Mr. Heard) 2.

Mr. John Peel's Booran, 149 lbs. (Mr. Maitland) 3.

Also ran:—Golden Chrysanthemum (Encarnacao), Gold Leaf (late English Money), (Harriman), Soldan (McBain), Strathallen (Lt.-Col. Thompson), Baby Eyes (Haimovitch), Dictator Dablia (Moller), McKenzie (Crokham).

Won by 1½ lengths; two lengths between second and third.

Time: 32; 1.02.3-5; 1.35.1-5; 2.07.4-5; 2.37.4-5.

McKenzie led with Chicago second. Passing the half mile post Chicago closed up. At the three furlong post Booran improved his position. Chicago took the lead on reaching the straight, followed by King of the Plains and a close finish gave Messrs. Dunbar and Stanton their initial victory of the meeting. King of the Plains was second and Booran third.

Pari-mutuel: Winner, \$17.50. Places: 1, \$8.80; 2, \$10.10; 3, \$4.30.

Cash Sweep: Nos. 895, \$2,949.80; 947, \$942.80; 222, \$421.40.

Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 737, 530, 66, 733, 525, 92, 856.

10.—THE RACING STAKES.

Winner, \$800; Second, \$200; Third, \$100.
For geldings of this meeting and ponies that have never won a race. Subscription griffins of this meeting allowed 5 lbs. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. (Jockey allowance.)—One Mile.

Messrs. Dyer and Beith's Grey Morn, 133 lbs. (Mr. G. Thompson) 1
Mr. Dynasty's King of Hearts, 133 lbs. (Mr. Heard) 2
Mr. Dryadust's Gypsy Love, 132 lbs. (Mr. McBain) 3

Also ran:—The Wasp, (Encarnacao), Zircon (Bartholomew), Carnation Leaf (Harriman), Seattle (Doyle), Strathay (Pollock), Hailsham (Davies), Duke of Texas (Capt. Ospring), Phenomenal Dahlia (Moller), Grey Cloud (Maitland), Hawaiian Prince (Buck), Uncle Tom (Potts), Aucherrioch (Haimovitch).
Won by a head; two lengths between second and third.

Time: 31.2.5; 1.30.3.5; 1.34.4.5; 2.04.3.5.
Mr. Bartholomew was thrown before the start by Zircon but soon remounted. Seattle led to the half mile, when King of Hearts crept up. Turning into the straits King of Hearts came to the front, with Grey Morn in the rear. In a good finish Grey Morn won by a head, King of Hearts being second and Gypsy Love third.

Parimutuel: Winner, \$18.90. Places: 1, \$7.70; 2, \$5.00; 3, \$3.10.
Cash Sweep: Nos. 1001, \$2,384.10; 832, \$73.05; \$380.20.
Unplaced Ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 694, 342, 301, 121, 734, 610, 909, 1025, 118, 799, 631, 455.

11.—THE KALGAN PLATE.

Winner, \$800; Second, \$200; Third, \$100.
Weight for inches as per scale. For China ponies that have run in at least two extra meetings in Hongkong in 1924 and subscription griffins of this meeting. Winner during 1924 of one race 5 lbs., of two or more races 7 lbs. penalty. (Jockey allowance.)—Seven Furlongs.

Dr. F. H. Kew's Prince Regent, 165 lbs. (Mr. Gibson) 1
Mr. Dynasty's King Johnnie, 155 lbs. (Mr. Heard) 2
Sir Paul's Magnificent Dahlia, 165 lbs. (Mr. Moller) 3
Also ran:—Irrepressible (Encarnacao), Hartfield (Haimovitch), Fern Leaf (Harriman), Fatai (Stanton), Gaudie (Doyle).

Won by 2 lengths; 2 lengths between second and third.

Time: 16.4.5; 43.1.5; 1.19.3.5; 1.50.3.5.

Fatai delayed the start several times, but finally the field got away well. Prince Regent at once shot into the lead, passing the half mile post the order was Prince Regent, King Johnnie, Fern Leaf, with Irrepressible last. Rounding the home bend Magnificent Dahlia closed up on Fern Leaf. Turning into the straits, King Johnnie made an attempt to get up on Prince Regent, but the latter when called upon came away, and won comfortably. Magnificent Dahlia beat Fern Leaf out of third place.

Parimutuel: Winner, \$3.10. Places: 1, \$5.70; 2, \$7.70; 3, \$10.10.
Cash Sweep: Nos. 815, \$2,818.80; 1069, \$805.20; 139, \$402.00.
Unplaced Ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 234, 916, 431, 614, 750.

PROSPECTS FOR TODAY.

GREAT TUSSELE EXPECTED FOR THE DERBY.

[BY ARGUS.]

The chief event to-day is, of course, the Derby for which the following may go to the post: Primrose Leaf (Mr. Harriman), Gypsy Love or Souldan (Mr. MacBain), Chicago (Mr. Doyle), Grey Morn (Mr. G. Thompson), King of the Plains (Mr. Heard), Curiosity Shop (Mr. Zelensky), Wimmera (Mr. Gibson), Oriole Dahlia or Dictator Dahlia (Mr. Moller), Aucherrioch (Mr. Crokham), Fern Leaf (Mr. Haimovitch), Local Option (Mr. Maitland), Charcoal or Grey Knight (Mr. Pollock).

After yesterday's performance Local Option is not likely to be such a pronounced favourite as he was a week ago. Wimmera ran disappointingly yesterday, but may put up an entirely different performance today. However, Chicago, with Mr. Doyle to steer him, is bound to find a large number of supporters and he will probably offer strong opposition to Mr. John Peel's brown (Local Option). In an attempt to place them, however, I shall stick to my first love Grey Morn. I expressed doubts, a week ago, about Local Option proving himself an out and out champion and to-day I shall be surprised if he is placed in the Derby. In an attempt to find the first three I shall bracket Chicago and Grey Morn with Charcoal or Wimmera as my third. My selections for to-day only contain one for each race in most instances as owners last night had not made up their minds in which engagements to start their candidates:—

- 1.—CAUSEWAY BAY STAKES (1 mile).
1, Grey Dragon.
 - 2.—THE EXCHANGE PLATE.
1, Booran.
 - 3.—HONGKONG DERBY.
1, Grey Morn.
2, Charcoal or Wimmera.
 - 4.—SUB-GRIFFIN'S CHALLENGE CUP.
1, Mowgli.
2, Uncle Dick.
3, King Ptolemy.
 - 5.—JOCKEY CUP.
1, Aucherrioch.
2, Valiant Dahlia.
3, Farmland.
- N.B.—King Johnnie to win if started.
6.—GREAT SOUTHERN STAKES.
1, Gypsy.
- 7.—LUSITANO CUP.
1, King of Hearts.

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WARFARE IN KWANGTUNG.

A STRATEGIC RETREAT?

While Headquarters at Canton have been issuing bulletins of repeated victories over the forces of General Chen Chung Ming in the East River region, the publicity agents of the "defeated enemy" represent that what has been happening is merely a retreat to positions that can be more effectively defended. We are told that there has been no fighting during the past few days. It is stated that Chen's forces "completely annihilated" the Cantonese unit of the opposing army on the 10th instant beyond Changmoutan, and that in consequence the Yunnanese unit has not ventured to advance further, lest a similar fate overtake them.

We give the reports of both sides, and leave the reader to form his own judgment.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE.

APPLICATION TO WITHDRAW.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. J. R. Wood, Judge Tang Lloyd, a Chinese, managing director of the firm of J. T. Lloyd and Company, of No. 23, Wyndham Street, appeared on remand on a charge of embezzling sums totalling \$22,000, belonging to the Company.

Mr. Brooks, who prosecuted, applied for permission to withdraw the charge, stating that the complainant was treasurer of the Company and therefore was responsible for the money, which was entrusted to him. Since defendant's last appearance, friends and relatives had repaid the money.

His Worship directed that the Crown Solicitor be consulted with regard to this application, and the case was remanded for a week.

EUROPEAN IN TROUBLE.

BREAKING A WINDOW SHOWCASE.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, before Mr. J. R. Wood, a charge of wantonly breaking a window showcase at Horiuchi's shop on the Wanchai Playa, on Sunday night, was brought against a European named A. Murch. When the case was called the defendant failed to put in an appearance, and Mr. Wood issued a warrant for his arrest. He also ordered his bail of \$20, on which he had been released the previous night when taken into custody by the police, this amount covering the damage done to the showcase.

Later in the morning the defendant appeared in Court under the warrant and His Worship discharged him with a caution, on his agreeing to pay \$20 compensation to Horiuchi, who had stated his willingness to accept this amount.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

"TAIKOO" AND "WAYFOONG."

Following are the scores in the games played at Fanning on Sunday, February 15th:

"TAIKOO."		"WAYFOONG."	
Singles.		Singles.	
Ireland.....0	Monieriff.....0	Monieriff.....0	Hegarty.....0
Rawlinson.....0	Hegarty.....0	F. G. Walker.....0	Dunnett.....0
Wells.....0	F. G. Walker.....0	Dunnett.....0	Dalgety.....0
G. M. Young.....0	Dalgety.....0	H. Foy.....0	Bredin.....0
Ironside.....0	H. Foy.....0	Bredin.....0	J. Walker.....0
W. S. Phillips.....0	Bredin.....0	J. Walker.....0	Dunn.....0
McHutchon.....0	Dunn.....0	Peat.....0	Doyle.....0
Wallace.....0	Peat.....0	Doyle.....0	Nicoll.....0
H. E. D. Adams.....0	Doyle.....0	Nicoll.....0	Milne.....0
W. Brown.....0	Nicoll.....0	Milne.....0	
Crawford.....0	Milne.....0		
Mathieson.....0			
W. Reid.....0			

Add singles total 44

Grand total.....92

"Wayfoong" thus won by 44 points.

DEATH OF JIM DRISCOLL.

A London cable of January 30th announces the death of Jim Driscoll, the ex-featherweight champion.

8.—CHALLENGE CUP.
1, Grey Knight.

9.—ROYAL NAVY CUP.
1, Loch Rannoch.

10.—BLACK ROCK STAKES.
Mr. John Peel's selected.

11.—GYMKHANA STAKES.
Magnificent Dahlia.

12.—PEKING PLATE.
Mowgli (if sent here).

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

PRESENTATION TO MR. M. MANUK.

A concert-social arranged by members of the Hongkong Lodge of the Theosophical Society and their friends yesterday evening, was made the occasion to present a handsome illuminated address to Mr. M. Manuk, the President, prior to his sailing for Australia to-morrow, and in recognition of his work for the Society and leadership of the Lodge.

The address, which had been very beautifully and artistically painted by Mr. Baptiste on parchment, was signed by the members and friends of the Lodge. It spoke in high terms of the Lodge's affection and esteem for Mr. Manuk and pointed out that since March 1923, when the Lodge was founded, its membership had increased from 8 to 53.

Mr. John Russell (Chairman) presided and suitably referred to Mr. Manuk's activities in connection with the Society; and during the evening Mr. H. E. Lane-part (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer) also spoke in happy terms of the President's work.

Mr. M. P. Talati, on behalf of the members presented Mr. Manuk with the address, and said that Mr. Manuk's untiring energy, zeal and devotion for the well-being of humanity had won their profound esteem and admiration, and his noble work in the establishment of this ideal institution for the gathering of men of all nations, races and creeds, into one great brotherhood, would ever remain as a permanent emblem of his self-sacrificing work. His aspiring aim was to free men from ignorance, selfishness, hatred and strife, and to lead them to a mightier understanding of Divine Truth which shall bring into the world, righteousness and peace and bring them to that glorious goal of a Life Perfect, in the unity with God and Brotherhood of Men.

Mr. Manuk, in reply, said that he highly appreciated the sentiments conveyed in the address, and assured them that his work for the Society has been, at all times, both a pleasure and a duty to him.

THE CONCERT.

The concert programme, which was delightfully rendered and much enjoyed was as under:

1. Song and Chorus
"Honolulu Hula-Girl"
Mr. H. Sequeira.
2. Song
"Devonshire Cream and Cider"
"The Longshore Man"
Mr. W. J. Thompson.
3. Song—"One Fleeting Hour"
Mrs. M. Minney.
4. Guitar Trio
"Sweet Hawaiian Girl of Mine"
Messrs. A. Vas, MacDougal & Xavier.
5. Piano Solo—"Nocturne"
Chopin
Miss Alda Leon.
6. Song—"Thorn"
Mr. E. G. Aquino.
7. Song and Chorus—"Mammy"
Mr. H. Sequeira.
8. Vocal Duet
"In this Solemn Hour"
Messrs. E. G. Aquino and G. Aquino.
9. Song—"Come Sing to Me"
Miss Russell.
10. Recitation
Miss P. Rutledge.
11. Song—Selected
Mr. T. Blackley.
12. Song—"Carmena"
Mrs. M. Minney.
13. Song
"My Love is like a red, red Rose"
Mr. J. Russell.
14. Song—"Parted"
Mr. T. Blackley.
15. Vocal Trio—"Perfect Day"
Messrs. H. Sequeira, V. Barradas and P. A. Escario.

SPURIOUS MONEY CHARGE.

CHINESE SUSPECT REMANDED.

More statements as to spurious coin being circulated in and around the Colony were made at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, when an umbrella maker, of No. 333, Shanghai Street, was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton with being in unlawful possession of spurious coins, namely: a large quantity of counterfeit Hongkong 20-cent and 10-cent pieces. He was further charged with coining money.

It was stated that a raid was made on defendant's premises by the police on Friday, and that in addition to the coins seized, coining implements were found. Defendant was formally remanded for a week.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

When the case in which a man named John Roberts was charged with being drunk and disorderly came before Mr. S. B. E. McDermott at the Central Magistracy yesterday, defendant did not appear and his bail of \$5 was exonerated.

At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, Mr. E. W. Hamilton discharged two Chinese who were arrested on the Kowloon-Canton Railway travelling from Shamshun on the 12th inst. with three forged bank notes in their possession.

A Chinese charged with the possession of 38 Shan Piu lottery tickets, was fined \$10, or ten days' imprisonment with hard labour, by Mr. S. B. E. McDermott at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

At the Marine Court yesterday, before Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Holo, R.N., a junk-master was fined \$10 for anchoring in the Southern fairway the previous morning.

BIGGEST BUCKET DREDGER IN THE FAR EAST.

FOR OPERATIONS AT NORTH POINT.

The powerful self-propelling bucket-dredger *Nanking*, owned by the Netherlands Harbour Works Company of Amsterdam, Macao and Hongkong, arrived at this port yesterday.

This vessel, one of the largest bucket-dredgers of the world, and by far the largest ever seen in the Far East, disposes of an engine power of not less than 1,000 h.p. and is capable of dredging to a depth of more than 90 feet under the water level. It is provided with an installation to pump the dredged material direct ashore by means of a pipe line.

For dredging at this extreme depth a special bucket ladder is to be installed, bearing 38 buckets. In suitable soil the capacity amounts to about 1,000 cubic yards per hour.

The vessel has a length of 150 feet, a maximum width of 36 feet and a draught of 12 feet.

The *Nanking* is to be used for the dredging of a foundation channel under the quay wall, now under construction at North Point for the Ching Siong Land Investment Co., Ltd., of which Mr. Kwik Djoen Eng is managing director. A considerable depth exists in this part of the harbour, before the bottom can be reached.

The average dredged depth by dredgers of a normal construction does not exceed 40 to 50 feet; dredgers are rarely met with which reach the greater depth required for this kind of work.

ENGLAND TO JAPAN BY AIR.

FOUR DAYS' JOURNEY.

SCHEME UNDER CONSIDERATION.

A four-day non-stop trans-Arcctic airship service between England and Japan is a probability which may be realized within the next two or three years, according to the statement of Colonel the Master of Sempill, former head of the British Aviation Mission to Japan, at a recent meeting of the Japan Society in London which was presided over by Baron Hayashi, Japanese Ambassador.

The route would be across Scotland, Norway, Northern Russia, Siberia, and Saghalien, a distance of 5,000 miles. For the service airships 700 feet long and capable of carrying from 50 to 100 passengers would be employed.

The trip from England to Japan could be made in four days, three of which would be nightless during the summer months. The airships would be equipped to provide every comfort for the passengers and the factor of danger could be made negligible.

A similar service connecting the United States and Japan is also practicable, the Master of Sempill said. Such a service would follow a route across Canada and would bisect the route from England somewhere in the Arctic region.

The Master of Sempill stated in an interview that while the actual organization of such a service has not been begun, the scheme is being given serious consideration.

HONGKONG AT WEMBLEY.

The following paragraph is from the *China Express and Telegraph* (London):—

After many days, it is officially announced, that Hongkong is again to participate in the Exhibition at Wembley. Hongkong is probably the last of the Colonies to reach this decision; but Wembley would not be Wembley without its Hongkong, and that the distant Colony will rise to the occasion we have no doubt. The buildings are there, a definite plan has been prepared, and all that remains is to adjust matters in accordance with ideas formed as the outcome of last year's experience. We understand that some changes are to be made which are designed to make Hongkong at Wembley more attractive, and which is more important for those concerned in the running of it, will dispense with many of the difficulties encountered at the first try-out. The news from Hongkong tells us that certain concessions by the Imperial authorities are anticipated, including the relaxation of the Customs regulations. The latter is a difficult hurdle, but, as the Exhibition is primarily intended for the promotion of Empire trade, and certain features of Hongkong's trade were last year excluded, the authorities may, on this occasion, be prevailed upon to remove the obstacle. For example, Hongkong's beautiful silver-work was severely handicapped, and there were difficulties in exhibiting "kingfisher" feather-work. It is interesting to note also that at this year's Exhibition the Hongkong Government will themselves control the Hongkong section with their own staff. This means that all private exhibitors, the Chinese who filled the street of shops in the section, will be eliminated. It does not mean, however, that there will be no shops. The shops, we understand, are to be fewer in number, but larger and of better type, with a more varied assortment of Hongkong goods for exhibition and sale, and staffed by Chinese who will be more typical of the real Hongkong shopkeeper, and more amenable to the control of the Commissioner in charge than the independent exhibitors of last year. We predict for Hongkong a much better show than last year, and last year's was unusually voted one of the best.

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THE HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will take place on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, at Noon, in St. John's Cathedral Hall. K. E. A. CAVALLER, Hon. Secretary. [1879]

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE KOWLOON GOLF CLUB will be held at the Kowloon Barnard School on WEDNESDAY, the 25th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1925, at 6 P.M. By Order of the Committee. W. M. PATTERSON, Hon. Secretary. [1877]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO. LTD. CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LTD.

FROM NEW YORK VIA MANILA.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "PERSEUS" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into the Godown, where it will be at the Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at the Godown. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 15th February. Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 A.M. and Noon within the free storage period. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd February will be subject to Rent. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 14th March, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 16th February, 1925. [1878]

"GLEN" LINE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM UNITED KINGDOM AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship "GLENIFER" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godown and/or extra hazardous Godown of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained. Goods not cleared by the 19th February, 1925, at Noon, will be subject to Rent. All broken, chafed and damaged Packages are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined in the presence of Consignees by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, on 18th February, 1925, at 10 A.M. Claims against the Steamer including those for Cargo short delivered must be presented on the Special Form provided, and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents. Hongkong, 13th February, 1925. [1880]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

THE THIRTY SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, 24th MARCH 1925, at 11 O'CLOCK in the Forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Account and Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1924, and declaring a Dividend. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 18th February, 1925, until THURSDAY, the 3rd March, 1925, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors, SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. [1860]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in the Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 21st FEBRUARY, 1925, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1924. The REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from Monday, the 9th February, to Saturday, the 21st February, 1925 (both days inclusive), during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered. By Order of the Court of Directors, A. H. BARLOW, Chief Manager. Hongkong, 2nd February, 1925. [1862]

INTIMATIONS

INSURANCE OFFICES.

NOTICE.

RACE HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ALL FIRE and MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the TRANSFER of PUBLIC BUSINESS on MONDAY, 16th, TUESDAY, 17th, WEDNESDAY, 18th, and SATURDAY, 21st FEBRUARY, at 12 Noon. By Order, LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS, Secretaries. FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG, MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG AND CANTON, Hongkong, 14th February, 1925. [1872]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION will be CLOSED on MONDAY, 16th, TUESDAY, 17th, WEDNESDAY, 18th, and SATURDAY, 21st FEBRUARY, at 12 Noon. By Order of the Committee, J. W. KNEW, Secretary. [1870]

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRALIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH CO., LTD.

HONGKONG STATION.

FROM 15th FEBRUARY, 1925, and until further Notice Mr. E. A. LEGGATT will be in Charge of the above Company's Station at Hongkong. M. E. F. AIBREY, Superintendent. [1868]

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE STOCK EXCHANGE will be CLOSED on MONDAY, 16th, TUESDAY, 17th, WEDNESDAY, 18th, and SATURDAY, 21st FEBRUARY, 1925. By Order of the Committee, A. NISSIM, Secretary. Hongkong, 12th February, 1925. [1866]

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

THE FORTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 26th FEBRUARY, 1925, at 11 O'CLOCK A.M. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and Report of the General Manager for the year ended 31st December, 1924, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday, the 16th February, 1925, until Thursday, 26th February, 1925, both days inclusive. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 7th February, 1925. [1847]

HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED, will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON AND COMPANY, LIMITED, on FRIDAY, the 27th FEBRUARY, 1925, at 12 O'CLOCK NOON, to Transact the Ordinary Business of the Company. AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED, will be held at the Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON AND COMPANY, LIMITED, on FRIDAY, the 27th FEBRUARY, 1925, at 12.15 O'CLOCK in the Afternoon, when the SUBJOINED RESOLUTIONS WILL BE PROPOSED as Ordinary Resolutions:—

- (1) That the Authorized Capital of the Company (which is now \$1,625,000 consisting of 325,000 shares of the Nominal Value of \$5 each of which the whole have been issued) be increased to \$3,250,000 by the creation of 325,000 Additional Shares of the Nominal Value of \$5 each ranking for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the Shares constituting the Company's present issued Capital.
- (2) That it is desirable to capitalise the Sum of \$1,250,000 being part of the Undivided Profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and accordingly for the purpose of effecting such capitalisation in pursuance of Article 123 of the Company's Articles of Association a bonus of \$5 per share on the issued shares of the Company be and the same is hereby declared and that the Directors be and they are hereby authorized to satisfy such bonus by the distribution amongst the persons who are registered as holders of the present issue of Shares of the Company on the 27th day of February, 1925, of One of the newly issued Shares of the Company credited as fully paid up in respect of every One existing share of the Company held by such persons as aforesaid and that such new ordinary shares rank for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the shares already issued.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday, the 14th day of February, 1925, to Friday, the 27th day of February, 1925 (both days inclusive), during which Period Transfer of Shares Cannot be Registered. Dated the 10th day of February, 1925. W. F. SIMMONS, Secretary. Russell Street, Hongkong. [1874]

BACK A WINNER.

FIVE DOLLARS Sent to Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Chater Road, will obtain a Copy of THE HONGKONG RACING RECORD (Compiled By "AZOV").

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1925.

FEBRUARY 16th, 17th, 18th and 21st.

TICKETS of Admission to the Public Enclosure may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH or at the Gate. Price—\$3.00 per day. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform \$1.00 per day. No One Admitted without a Ticket to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate. LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Treasurers. [1807]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1925.

FEBRUARY 16th, 17th, 18th, and 21st.

MEMBERS' Badges of Admission are now ready and may be obtained by those Members who have not already received them, from Messrs. LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings. C. B. BROWN, Secretary. [1808a]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1925.

FEBRUARY 16th, 17th, 18th, and 21st.

THE Stewards request the pleasure of the presence of the Ladies at the Races. Hongkong, February 2nd, 1925. [1809a]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1925.

FEBRUARY 16th, 17th, 18th, and 21st.

PASSES for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings. No Servants will be allowed inside the Enclosure of the Race Course during Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS. These Tickets are only available for Servants while in attendance on their employers or when on duty at the Various Stands. Any Chinese found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit them and holders thereof will be removed from the Enclosure. C. B. BROWN, Secretary. [1807c]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING 1925.

FEBRUARY 16th, 17th, 18th, and 21st.

MEMBERS have the Privilege of introducing Two Non-members to the Members' Enclosure. A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings, on or before SATURDAY the 14th of FEBRUARY, 1925. Price \$10.00 per day or \$30.00 for the Meeting. Handicaps will be published on FRIDAY, February 27th, 1925. LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Treasurers. [1807b]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES AND ENTRY FORMS for THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28th, 1925 (weather permitting), may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and CAUSEWAY BAY STABLES. Entries will Close at 12 O'CLOCK NOON on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, 1925. Handicaps will be published on FRIDAY, February 27th, 1925. [1861]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS are hereby Advised that the BADGES issued to them for the ANNUAL RACE MEETING will also be available for the 1st EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on the 28th of FEBRUARY, 1925. [1867]

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Adam—On February 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. ADAMS, a son. [1875]

Hongkong Office: 11, Chater Road. London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 17TH, 1925.

ST. PAUL'S PRESERVATION FUND APPEAL.

HONGKONG, instead of leading the Eastern ports in the matter of a response to the appeal that has been made to the English-speaking communities throughout the world for funds for the preservation of St. Paul's Cathedral—rightly regarded as one of our great national monuments—seems strangely behind most of them. We have seen no announcement made of any response to the appeal in the Colony excepting that which will result from the special performance of "St. Joan" that was recently given in aid of the Fund, and from which we are glad to learn a handsome donation will accrue. We notice that in Shanghai a committee representative of all sections of the British Community has been formed under the Chairmanship of the Acting British Consul-General (Mr. J. T. FRATTY) to assist the appeal, and it occurs to us to suggest that a similar step should be taken in Hongkong. Long ago now it became known through the Press that considerable anxiety was felt about the safety of the great building, which one authority describes as "the greatest in England and one of the greatest in the world." Experts have been engaged in an exhaustive examination of cracks in the pillars of the great dome—ominous signs of subsidence—and they have recently reported to the Dean and Chapter their considered opinion. It seems that as a result of the vibration from modern traffic in the streets around the Cathedral, and the disturbance of the sub-soil by piercing for tunnels and sewers, coupled with the downward thrust by the weight of the masonry

of the Cathedral for a couple of centuries, there has been an alteration in the sub-soil. One of the means adopted to counteract further subsidence is to pour concrete under pressure into the north-east pier, and it is stated that this plan has proved successful. The other piers, it is reported, should now be dealt with in turn in similar fashion. A remarkable thing about the dome of St. Paul's is that on the inside there is a core of brick not so high as the external dome that is seen from outside the building. This adds to the weight carried by the pillars; and it is said that sooner or later it may be necessary to take down the dome and rebuild the pillars and supports. The foregoing gives the views of the experts, but no sooner was the report published than the City Corporation served a notice, formally and officially, on the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's Cathedral to the effect that the great Church is a "dangerous building" and that steps must be taken to ensure the safety of the public. This is, of course, the usual practice when a report is received by the City Fathers on a building situated within "the square mile."

which meets with the condemnation of the City Surveyor. But St. Paul's Cathedral is in a class apart from all other buildings, and the notice referred to, our London correspondent tells us, has left everyone gaping with surprise. The surprise is natural seeing that right up till now the City Corporation seemed wedded to the idea of constructing a bridge across the Thames to bring the south-north traffic of London round one side of the Cathedral to link up with Aldersgate. This scheme was strongly opposed, mainly on the ground that excavating for the foundations of the proposed bridge would endanger the safety of St. Paul's. Now, all of a sudden, the Corporation themselves have discovered that even as things are the safety of the Cathedral is jeopardised. It is suggested that the money that is available for a bridge should be spent on the necessary work of saving London's greatest treasure from impending doom. It would cost £500,000, but what would London be without St. Paul's Cathedral? Evidently there is no fund that can be properly applied to the purpose: hence the appeal of the Dean and Chapter, through *The Times*, to the public to save the Cathedral. Reuters—the world wide British news agency—has undertaken to collect abroad the subscriptions in response to the appeal which it is confidently felt will "touch the hearts of the people of the British Empire everywhere, irrespective of race and creed, and not least of all those of British birth." We cannot imagine that a world-wide appeal of this description can fail to place the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's Cathedral in a position to meet all the expenditure that may be required to preserve the famous dome of the Cathedral from collapse. But if this British Colony is not to be behind other British communities in the East it seems desirable that a local Committee should be formed without delay to assist the fund, working on the lines of the Shanghai Committee which announces that it is particularly anxious that people who cannot afford or do not feel justified in sending a large subscription will not be too shy to send a small one.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending January 31st, amounted to 2,115 tons, and the sales to 2,215 tons. Mah Jongg has been played by human figures in the form of a children's ballet at the Mah Jongg Club in London. It is proposed to perform the ballet in aid of charities. One case of rabies in a dog is shown in a return for the 48 hours ended on February 15th. There were no cases of notifiable disease among human beings during that period. A young Chinese woman, who has only been married three months, was taken to the Government Civil Hospital on Sunday, after attempting to take her life by swallowing opium.

While sailing a junk across the harbour on Saturday afternoon, a foh slipped and fell into a hole while engaged in tacking about. He was injured so seriously that he died on Sunday in hospital.

Lieut.-Com. A. B. Fanshawe has joined the Staff College, Greenwich, for an intelligence course, following which he will proceed to the China Station to take command of the *Moorken*, one of the river flotilla.

There will be a cinema for children at the Helena May Institute on Friday, February 20th, at 5 p.m., when the film "Holland" will be screened. Admission by ticket only to be obtained on application to the Secretary.—ADV.

The Hongkong Tramway Co. have solved the problem of ensuring for the passenger on the top of the train a dry seat in rainy weather. Some new cars now running have superstructures with movable windows like those in use on railway trains.

Jewellery and money to the value of over \$2,500 was stolen by a gang of armed robbers who entered No. 4, Tung Street, during the week-end. A fishmonger and his family, who occupy the ground floor, were gagged with walnuts by the robbers, one of whom was armed with a revolver.

The cruiser *Findicator*, Captain G. F. Hyde, will be passed out of dockyard hands at Chatham about mid-April, in preparation for relieving the *Diomed* on the China Station. Captain Hyde, belongs to the Australian Navy, and is described in a Home paper as a very smart and experienced officer. He will take the *Diomed* to the Australian Station.

A Chinese, named Ho Chim Lun, who describes himself as a passenger from Singapore, has informed the police that he was walking, with another Chinese in Lugard Road, The Peak, yesterday afternoon, when a man who had been walking in front of them turned sharply round, and levelled a revolver. He then stole from the vest of Ho Chim Lun a gold wrist watch, valued at \$4, afterwards running away in the direction of Hutton Road.

The Eastern Associated group of cable companies, a London paper says, invite suggestions to improve working. A standing Suggestions and Inventions Committee has been appointed, and so far as patentable ideas are concerned, officials are recommended to secure provisional protection before submission. To encourage the staff the companies are awarding three sums of £25 for ideas. The prizes are in addition to results arising from adoption and working.

Contributions towards the St. Paul's Appeal Fund when the last mail left London amounted to £133,742. Some of the donors are: The Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Co., Ltd. (on behalf of the Shell Group), £1,050; The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, £250; Sir John Ellerman, Bt., £250; Messrs. Gellatly, Hankey & Co., £250; The Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China, £250; The Eastern Bank, Ltd., £105; The Bank of Taiwan, Ltd., £50; Sir Newton and Lady Stabb, £25.

A strengthening of the British naval forces in the East will result from changes which have been decided upon by the Admiralty, says a writer of naval Notes in a Home paper. The ships at present serving in the Mediterranean and East Indies and China Squadrons are to return to England for refitting and overhauling, and they will be replaced by larger ships. The China Squadron will have the big cruiser *Vindictive*, which has for some years done service as an aircraft carrier, and she will replace vessels of much smaller tonnage. Some sweeping changes are to be made in the East Indies Squadron. It is gathered in well-informed naval quarters that no great alteration of naval policy is indicated by this redistribution of forces. The vessels at present constituting the Eastern Fleet were due in the ordinary course for refitting.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]
FOURTH TEST MATCH.
AUSTRALIA'S POOR START.

MELBOURNE, February 16th.
Australia's first innings was commenced on-day, and the home side had compiled 448 runs for the loss of 5 wickets when rain stopped play at 3.45 p.m.
An attendance of 15,000 people watched the play. The wicket was perfect in the early stages, but became impaired as a result of showers. The rainfall becoming heavier, play was suspended, and finally it was decided to abandon cricket for the day. Four wickets fell before lunch, Tate taking the first two in one over.
Burrows scored rapidly, but his wicket was broken by Hobbs when he attempted to snatch a short run. The 150 was reached in 110 minutes. Stylish play was witnessed during the partnership for the sixth wicket, each player making pretty strokes all round the field.
Barrackers demonstrated good humour, but in vain, for a continuation of play; and as a portion of the crowd had gathered on the wicket, the stumps were drawn by policemen instead of by the umpires. One of the stumps was stolen as a souvenir.
The wicket was slightly damaged by the encroachment of the crowd.
Full scores to date:

1st Innings.										
J. H. Hobbs, st. Oldfield, b. Ryder	65									
J. W. Hearne, c. Bardsley, b. Richardson	44									
H. Sutcliffe, lb.w., b. Mailey	43									
F. W. Woolley, st. Oldfield, b. Mailey	40									
A. P. F. Chapman, st. Oldfield, b. Mailey	12									
E. Hendren, b. Ryder	65									
N. W. Whysall, st. Oldfield, b. Kelleway	76									
A. E. R. Kilgus, c. Oldfield, b. Kelleway	70									
R. Kilner, lb.w., b. Kelleway	74									
M. W. Tate, c. Taylor, b. Mailey	8									
H. Strudwick, not out	7									
Extras	13									
Total	448									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
126	232	284	307	345	384	427	527	629	848	

Bowling Analysis.										
Mailey	180	4								
Kelleway	70	3								
Ryder	83	2								
Richardson	76	1								
Gregory	120	0								

THE LEAGUE AND TURKEY.
MR. ISHII AS RAPORTEUR.

LONDON, February 16th.
The Daily Telegraph's diplomatic correspondent reports that Mr. Ishii, the Japanese Ambassador in Paris, is due to act as rapporteur to the League of Nations' Council in the matter of the Turkish-Greek dispute over the expulsion of the Patriarch. In some quarters it is believed that the selection of an Asiatic delegate to a non-Christian Power must so impress Turkey with the impartiality of the League Council as to modify her present attitude, which is unfavourable to the intervention of that body in the controversy.

KRASSIN'S GREAT THOUGHT.
TO PAY FRANCE WITH HER OWN MONEY.

PARIS, February 16th.
Interviewed by *Havas* correspondent at Moscow, M. Krassin declared that it was necessary to settle the question of Russia's past debts to France, and added that if Russia obtained credits for the restoration of her industries and agriculture she would be disposed to recognise her debts to twice the value of the credits received. The advantages which these credits would secure to the State and co-operative trusts would insure the payment of interest and principal.

THE GENEVA PROTOCOL.
PACT BETWEEN BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

PARIS, February 16th.
According to the *Matin*, Mr. Chamberlain and M. Herriot are seeking to adjust the present difficulties by means of a pact constituting a compromise between the treaties of alliance and the Geneva Protocol.
It is intended that all the countries bordering Germany, and finally Germany herself, shall adhere to the pact, but at present the negotiations are restricted to France and Britain.
When the pact has been finally drawn up, the signatories will approach the League of Nations and say: "Any act of aggression by Germany on any point of the frontier from the North Sea to the Adriatic will be regarded as an act of aggression against us all."
Germany would bind herself to refrain from any act of aggression. The pact would be ratified by the League, which would then seek to extend its provisions to the whole of Europe, and eventually all over the world. The Dominions would not be asked to intervene in the early discussions, but simply not to raise any objections, and to examine the solutions of the problem affecting parts of the world interesting the Dominions.
Later.

An official statement regarding this morning's *Matin* says the article expresses the writer's personal views and in no wise accurately represents the attitude of the Quai d'Orsay.

LATEST CABLES.
BRITAIN NOT NEGOTIATING.

LONDON, February 16th.
Reuter's Agency is informed that a report that the British Government is negotiating with any other Power with regard to the Geneva Protocol is untrue. The British Government cannot define its policy until it knows the minds of the Dominions, and any suggestions of the Committee of Imperial Defence must be transmitted overseas and the replies of the Dominions' Governments received in London. Meanwhile the British Government is not discussing the question with anyone.

EARLIER CABLES.
DUTCH TAXES.
WEALTHY PEOPLE'S EXODUS OVERSEAS.

AMSTERDAM, February 15th.
Heer Colyn, the Finance Minister, has submitted Bills to Parliament providing for a ten per cent. tax on luxuries, a decrease of the inheritance taxes, a reduction of the taxable income by three hundred florins for every child in addition to two hundred florins for married tax-payers, and a decrease of the so-called defence tax by about half.

Replying in the First Chamber, Heer Colyn expressed readiness to consult the management of the Netherlands Bank with regard to a repeal of the Royal Decree of July 31st, 1914, with regard to the proportion in which the total amount of banknotes and bank bills, and balances in current account, must be covered by bullion. He was of opinion that cancellation of the decree may coincide with consideration at an appropriate moment of measures to restore free gold export.

FRANCO-SIAMESE TREATY.
FRENCH PRESS APPROVAL.

PARIS, February 15th.
The *Journal des Debats* eulogises the Franco-Siamese treaty, sanctioning Siam's full sovereignty and grounding Indo-China's security in amicable neighbourliness.
Commenting on the treaty, the *Matin* writes that France is discharging Siam from international servitudes and negotiating the status and relations of the two countries. She has acted wisely, for Indo-China needs a friendly and useful neighbour.—*Havas*.

FRENCH TRADE FIGURES.
BIG REVENUE INCREASE.

PARIS, February 15th.
The revenue of France from normal permanent sources in January totalled 2876 million francs, an increase of 536 millions compared with January 1922.
The imports totalled 3173 million francs, and 31 million tons, being an increase of 230 million francs and a decrease of 500,000 tons compared with January, 1922.
The exports totalled 2583 million francs and 21 million tons, being an increase of 363 million francs and 600,000 tons approximately.—*Havas*.

POLITICAL SITUATION
IN CHINA.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN."]
NAVAL PROPOSALS.

PEKING, February 15th.
The Minister of the Navy has organised a committee to draw up a Memorandum for submission to the Conference which will contain naval estimates and proposals for a general naval system.

GOVERNOR OF KIANGSU.
HAN KUO CHUN RESIGNS.

PEKING, February 15th.
A mandate accepts the resignation of Han Kuo Chun as Civil Governor of Kiangsu, and appoints as his successor Cheng Chien.

KIAOTSI RAILWAY.
A RECORD BREAK.

PEKING, February 15th.
The Minister of Communications has appointed Li Chung Yu as managing director and Hu Yung Yu as assistant director of the Kiaotsi Railway.

BANDIT SUPPRESSION.
DIRECTORS AT VARIANCE.

PEKING, February 15th.
The friction between Hu Ching Yi, Tupan of Honan, and Kan Yu Kun, assistant director of bandit suppression in Honan, Shensi, and Kansu, recently became acute, and hostilities are feared.
On the 11th inst., Hu Ching Yi telegraphed to the Government offering to resign his post of Tupan in order to avert trouble, and the Government telegraphed urging both sides to be patient until a peaceful settlement is arranged, while Feng Yu Hsiang suggested that Hu Ching Yi should withdraw his troops from Shensi, and that Kan Yu Kun should remove his men to Shensi from Honan. There now seems a likelihood of the trouble blowing over.

FAMINE SURTAXES.
EXTENDED FOR SIX MONTHS.

PEKING, February 15th.
A Chibing mandate approves the memorial of the Ministers of Education and Communications suggesting that the famine surtaxes on railways, telegraphs and telephones be extended another half-year, the funds to be devoted to the maintenance of the eight Government colleges in Peking.

NEW PORTUGUESE CABINET.
DE BIANCHI FOR PEKING.

LISBON, February 16th.
A new Cabinet has been formed, with Senhores Victoriano Guimaraes as Premier and Minister of Finance, Pedro Martins as Foreign Minister, and Paula Gomes as Minister of the Colonies.
Senhor De Bianchi, second secretary at the Legation in London, has been appointed Minister at Peking.

LATEST CABLES.
[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]
BRITAIN'S RETURN TO GOLD STANDARD.

MR. G. HARVEY IS SO PLEASED.
NEW YORK, February 16th.
A leading article in the *Washington Post*, contributed by Mr. George Harvey, hails Britain's return to a gold standard, which the paper learns from a trustworthy source, will be effected not later than July 1st. The writer does not, however, consider the time opportune to tell the fully story of the "happy consummation of the greatest financial transaction in history, intervening many of the most vivid living personalities: The King, the President, the Premier, the British Lord Chancellor, and the American Chief Justice."

EARLIER CABLES.
ANOTHER NURMI RECORD.

NEW YORK, February 15th.
Nurmi has accomplished what many sportsmen considered impossible, running two miles in 8 min. 58-1/5 secs.

KANSAS CITY FIRE.
\$5,000,000 DAMAGE.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 15th.
An American livestock pavilion and exhibits in the automobile show, valued at one and a half million dollars, have been destroyed by fire.
The damage to the show pavilion is estimated at from three to four million dollars.

LOAN TO IRON FOUNDRY.

TOKYO, February 15th.
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FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]
SHANGHAI MILL STRIKE.
THOUSANDS OF MEN IDLE.

SHANGHAI, February 16th.
A Japanese mill strike which began last week involving three mills and 5000 operatives, belonging to the Naigai Wata Kaisha, is assuming more serious proportions daily. With the addition of another 5,000 men last night the strikers now total over 27,000 belonging to thirteen mills operated by four different Japanese companies. The strikers are claiming a ten-per-cent increase, the cessation of assaults alleged to have been made by Japanese overseers, the reinstatement of dismissed workers, and pay during the strike; but it believed that there is an undercurrent of anti-Japanese feeling in the strike.

BILLIARDS AT SHANGHAI.
A RECORD BREAK.

SHANGHAI, February 16th.
In a friendly game of billiards last night Mr. W. A. Pennell made a break of 220 of which 207 were the off the red ball. This is believed to be a world's amateur record for red ball play. The break constitutes a Shanghai record.

[It may be remembered that on December 10th last, playing at the Lusitano Club, Hongkong, against Mr. E. C. K. Johnson, ex-Champion of Shanghai, Mr. A. J. Omand, Champion of Hongkong, made a break of 182 all but about 20 being on the red ball.—Ed. H.D.P.]

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN."]
RUSSO-JAPANESE RELATIONS.
CHICHERIN ON "HAPPY EVENT."

TOKYO, February 15th.
The restoration of relations between Russia and Japan was celebrated this afternoon under the auspices of the Federated Chambers of Commerce, members of the Diet, journalists, and the Fishery Association, attended by more than 2,000 people representing all classes.
The meeting was opened by the reading of a message of congratulation from M. Chicherin on the happy event and bespeaking future assistance.
Congratulatory telegrams were sent to M. Chicherin, Mr. Karakhan and Mr. Yoshizawa thanking them for their efforts in restoring relations between the two countries.

RUSSO-JAPANESE MAILS.
TOKYO, February 15th.

The first Japanese mail bag to Russia since the Russo-Japanese Treaty became effective left Tsuromu for Vladivostok on the 14th inst.

SINO-RUSSO-JAPANESE TREATY.
JAPANESE MINISTER AT PEKING EXPLODES CANARD.

PEKING, February 15th.
Mr. Yoshizawa, Japanese Minister, interviewed by Reuter's correspondent, said the *Lokal Anzeiger* report is without foundation. He said that he admired the genius of the person who so skillfully manufactured and caused the Press to circulate a report less based upon fact than a mere dream. He added that during the Russo-Japanese negotiations M. Karakhan never made any suggestion in that direction.

[The *Lokal Anzeiger's* statement, published from a "hitherto very reliable Russian source," gave details of alleged secret clauses in a treaty said to have been signed last month between Japan, China, and Russia. One provided that should Britain, France or America take military measures against the Peking Government or against Chinese "unneutralized territory," Russia would place 200,000 men at the disposal of China, whom Japan would arm.]

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]
LONDON, PAPER'S VIEW.

LONDON, February 16th.
Pointing out that the *Lokal Anzeiger's* version of the Yellow Peril is probably utterly false, the *Daily News* says that there is one point of view from which the bare proposition may be regarded usefully by British politicians. Those who are still fanatically obsessed with the strategical necessity of a base at Singapore have always failed to appreciate how stinging a provocation the project would be to Japan. The latest story suggests that Japan could retort with terrifying effect.

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EUROPE-OR EMPIRE.
BRITAIN'S NEW OUTLOOK.

FIRM AND DECISIVE ACTION IN EGYPT.

Mr. Sisley Huddleston, for many years the Paris correspondent of *The Times*, discusses Britain's future world relations in the light of the return of the Conservative Government to power in the following article contributed to an Australian paper:—
The strands of destiny are twisted, and the future is obscure. France sees that with the coming of the Conservative Government in England there must be a tightening of the bonds which bind Great Britain to the great lands of the Empire overseas. What France does not see is how far this pull and this urge of kindred blood means a slackening of the bonds which bind Great Britain to the Continent of Europe.

What France also ponders in her forward-looking brain is whether a certain coolness of England towards the Continent should have for corollary a closer connection between France and Germany, or a deeper antagonism between the two countries which have fought out their battles for many generations, and may yet have to fight their battles over again.
One looks ahead into the darkness and discerns no clear sign. But of one thing France is sure—that the advent of Conservatism in England cannot but alter existing relations. Precisely in what manner is perhaps in no man's power to determine. The shuttle of Fate flies and cannot be arrested by nicely calculating politicians. A moment's reflection will reveal the immense importance, not merely for Australia and for England, of the new outlook, but for France and for the whole of the countries with which she comes into contact.

When the Sirdar was foully murdered in Egypt by a fanatic, England showed that she meant to remember her fundamental interests. She acted energetically, without hesitation, without reference to other peoples. The League of Nations had been the prevailing theme of Europe. The idealists had begun to suppose that any and every question would be submitted to Geneva.
But the Empire remains the Empire. It is a League of Nations which transcends the League of Nations which has its headquarters in Switzerland. When the interests of the Empire are touched; when the vital water route, the Suez Canal, is menaced when communications between the distant parts of the great family which had its origins in the little island are imperilled over so slightly; then England thinks not of the opinion of the rest of the world—England thinks of the Empire: of Canada, of South Africa, of India, of Australia.

There is no delay in launching the flat. Somewhere this incident showed in a flash that however truly affected England may be by Continental affairs, however attached she may be to Continental friendships and international arbitrations and accords, she is in a much more living sense attached to the Empire, and relief upon her own might, asking nothing from anybody, giving no opportunity for the interference of anybody.

SUBTLE CHANGES SINCE 1914.

It is not my purpose in this article to discuss the whole incident of the British ultimatum and its implications in respect not only of Egypt but of the Soudan. I confine myself to the central truth that France became conscious, as well she might, that however England may cast her eyes over Europe and strive for peace and consolidation and prosperity abroad, she has something much nearer and dearer to her heart, something which may even, if necessary, make her forget all besides—namely, the integrity of the living Empire.

This has given France furiously to think. How far can she, or should she, rely on preserving the interest of Great Britain in her affairs? There is, of course, nothing necessarily incompatible in the two interests, but at least it should be remembered that there are two interests which are entirely separate, and that one of them is all-powerful and must, at a pinch, dominate the other.
It is an excellent thing that with the change of Government in England the Empire should once more have been placed in the very forefront of current political speculation. There has been, perhaps, too much discussion of the mere theory of the inner constitution of the Empire. It would be difficult to define certain things. One is aware of subtle changes that have come about since the catastrophe of 1914 in the relations of Great Britain and of Australia.

Whether the changes are good or bad it would not be easy to declare dogmatically. Good and bad is indeed interwoven. There was undoubtedly a drawing together by the new contexts of the war and by the closer associations of the peace-making and the subsequent common attempts to solve world problems. But there was, on the other hand, a growing sense of independence.

Independence and interdependence—the two words should perhaps never be separated. How is equal partnership in the commonwealth to be translated, as one writer puts it, into working fact? That is for the statesmen, in their wisdom, to resolve, but certainly there has never been a more intense sense of the will to co-operate, and this intense sense is not confined to England, but has reached the whole Continent, posing new questions, raising fresh doubts, shaping dimly as yet the course of events.

Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and the rest have found a national life which is daily being developed, but they have not lost their part and lot in a larger life. Canada has been drawn closer to England by the recent creation of a Canadian History Society in England, and I was present at a remarkable

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DESPAIR ON EVE OF FORTUNE.
DEATH BY HIS OWN INVENTION.

"I must die by my own invention. Is it not funny?" was written on a piece of paper found on the body of Joseph Born, a German chemist, of Redcliffe-street, Earl's Court, S.W., on whom an inquest was held at Westminster last month.

He was found poisoned in Kensington Gardens.
The widow, whose evidence was interpreted, said she and her husband and three children came to England last August. Lately he had been in financial difficulties.

Bela Ray, a hairdresser, of Kilburn, N.W., said Born told him he was making synthetic nicotine and synthetic opium, and was in possession of a synthetic method of making opium, and had brought his inventions to England, because there was more money there.

Mr. G. G. Whiffen, member of a firm of manufacturing chemists, of Battersea, said Born offered him the formulae of several synthetic chemicals. He purported to be able to manufacture nicotine by a synthetic process at a cost of 3s. 6d. to 4s. 1b. At present it was manufactured from tobacco leaf at a cost of 18s. a lb.

His firm proposed to Born that he should work in their laboratory, and if the product proved satisfactory they would consider taking over the formula for the whole of the world. That was put in a letter on Thursday morning, when Born was at the firm's office, and they agreed to pay him £50 towards his working expenses.

UNKNOWN POISON.
Dr. Henry B. Weir said death was due to an irritant poison the nature of which could not be determined. It was not one of the ordinary commercial poisons.

The coroner, Mr. Ingleby Oddie, said that if Born's story were true he had made a great discovery, a method of making cheaply some very expensive and very valuable drugs. A firm of manufacturing chemists had offered him £50 for expenses during experiments with synthetic nicotine, and if they were satisfied they would have paid him £2,000 for his process. On New Year's Day he was very hard up—he had borrowed £10 of Mr. Ray.

Apparently he was meeting the difficulties that always confronted inventors owing to the slowness with which they arrived at their successful period. He wrote a letter to the firm, in which he said:

"ALL IS LOST."
"Dear Sirs—I am very sorry to inform you that it is now too late for me to accept your offer in synthetic nicotine. I have spent all my money in England, and all is lost. I am in the position to be put out in the street with my children today because I cannot pay the rent or buy living food for my children.
In coming to you to-day that was my latest hope, but I have seen that you cannot pay before all is fixed up. This my last day is. I remain, yours faithfully, Dr. Joseph Born."

A verdict of Suicide While of Unsound Mind was recorded.

banquet which united not only the British families which had early connections with Canada, but the French families which had early connections with Canada in the magnificent *Galerie des Batailles* in the Chateau de Versailles.

LOOKING ACROSS THE SEAS.

The idea of Empire has unquestionably grown anew within the past few months. It has been strengthened even by the wondering glances we have been compelled to cast at the Pacific and its problems. How will the revival of this idea affect the relations of England with the Continent and with the League of Nations? That is the principal question that France cannot help anxiously asking, for upon the answer depends her own attitude towards the multitudinous problems that exist in the tangle of Europe.

I have myself, from the beginning, been an ardent supporter of the League of Nations, and even with the promotion of apparently ill-adviced pacts and protocols which raise questions of immigration and of the right of unaffected countries to pronounce on the internal affairs of another, I have not abandoned faith in the League. But over and above the League there is surely this necessity for the British Empire to solve its difficulties in its own way and not to be enmeshed in endless and enervating discussions on matters that are of the greatest moment.

Now the fact that England acted first, without regard to the League, in reference to Egypt and the Suez Canal, is an indication. It is an indication which cannot be too strongly stressed, and which carries many lessons. Whatever was decided, for example about immigration, is of no particular consequence, for we now see that in the last resort Great Britain, under the Conservatives, will continue to think Imperially and will brook no interference with the Empire, or allow itself to be placed in an ambiguous position.

England, geographically stands by the Continent of Europe, but she looks out across the broad and the narrow waters to those lands in which circulates her own blood, and it is there that her real interest lies. That is what France had learned, and that France, like Germany and like the Central European members of the League, reflects.

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PARIS FASHION NOTES.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT,
ISABEL RAMSAY.]

PARIS, January 12th.

Fashions seem to become more elegant by becoming more simple as each season brings its array of new styles, new colours and new fantasies. The best dressing seen to-day is never eccentric. It is more often almost classically severe. Its richness (when it shows richness) comes from the elegance of the materials which go to make each separate garment, and the faultlessness of cut and detail with which these are carried out. Especially in this case with evening gowns and wraps in the composition of which exquisite laces, brocade and velvet fabrics are used worth very often what, in older days, might have constituted a king's ransom.

THE VOQUE OF TWEEDS.

On the other hand, there is a great vogue for the solid rough-and-ready effect in garments in progress. Take, for instance, the present vogue for tweeds. Up to two years ago, the only people one saw in Paris wearing tweeds were the impossible-looking tourists from all over the world that who were jolting about the city in the great "rubber-neck" waggon. They were made up into awful-looking costumes with long coats of no distinct shape or cut and baggy, clumsy skirts, and one looked at the women wearing such grotesque garments and burst into merriment. Now, some of the biggest designers in Paris are taking these same despised tweeds and making them up into the smartest possible of three piece costumes and suits. Chanel, the couturiere above all others who loves comfort and modern effects in her clothes, was one of the first to take tweeds seriously by introducing them into her famous tricot costumes. Like everything else that Chanel has found good, this idea has been approved of by the women who count, and the result is that this year finds many tweed suits being worn in the smartest rendezvous of Paris.

The modern tweed costumes usually show a straight line skirt which is enlarged by a group of pleats inserted at one side or is made easy in width by the fold-over line; but it is sure to look straight to the eye and be easy to walk in. The coat may cover up all but an inch or two of the skirt, it may be three-quarter in length or it may even be a short hip jacket, but whatever its length, it will be sure to be double-breasted and finished with a mannish-looking revers. It is a perfectly loose line of these costumes which constitute their smart effect, and the accessories worn with them which constitute their elegance and allow of their being worn at smart afternoon functions whereas their predecessors were never tolerated except in a railway train or on a golf course. One of the smartest accessories to a grey tweed suit is the beautiful silver grey fox stole, whilst thing sets off a brown tweed suit so well as a red fox set. If furs are too expensive or unseasonable at different times of the year, one of the silky-textured kasha scarves worn inside the coat collar or, else a silk scarf knotted about the throat like a stock collar will add just the touch of grace needed. The white satin shirt blouse and the heavily ribbed silk stockings also contribute to the general effect of elegance and individual taste and complete a perfect ensemble which is, in line and detail so severely simple and yet so beguiling.

FELT HATS.

Hats for wear with these suits are generally of felt. Just now, the small high-crowned hats of fuzzy felt, in shades of brown, grey and black are being worn a great deal. Silk felt hats mounted on a square-crowned shape are also finding favour with women who like smart simplicity. One still sees small cloche type of hats with crowns pinched and pleated into a variety of grotesque shapes, but these are gradually giving way in favour of hats more simple in line and a little less perky in effect.

AFTERNOON COSTUMES.

The classic simplicity of afternoon costumes expresses itself largely in the wrap-around coats and the straight-line frocks which are worn under them. Such materials as broad cloth, satin and velvet are chosen for these frocks and, in the case of velvet, fur is invariably used as a trimming. For the warmer weather that is still, alas, a month or so ahead, but also for the season which is now in full swing down the Riviera, the couturiers are designing simple crepe costumes fashioned on just the same lines as the winter velvet ones now being worn in Paris. The lines of these are straight and narrow as a rule, though fullness is introduced in a variety of ways. Pleating is one of the favourite methods for introducing fullness and pleated panels inset down the sides are frequently a detail of these simple frocks. It has been found that pleats look particularly effective when introduced in conjunction with one of the crepe prints which, after having been abandoned for a season or two, are now all the rage again. By using these crepe pleated and plain in alternate bands, one can obtain the effect of two patterns of material in the same frock. It is a pleating process changes the effect of its design immensely, as every dress designer knows. However, it is not only the crepe print frocks that are being pleated. Materials of plain colours can be varied with bands and panels in just the same way, and look just as effective.

The general style of these little frocks is simplicity itself. Mostly, they are belted, being made over an underslip of crepe de Chine, China or Japanese silk which they are attached by a low waistline. For figures that find such a belted style trying, a wide belt or two, or even three narrow ones may be added to hold the pleats in place and lend a certain individual cachet to the frock. Some of the couturiers are placing these double and triple belts so low down that the skirt length is actually

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cut off shorter than the bodice length, an effect that is very amusing, after one has recovered the first surprise at sight of these odd proportions.

EARLY SPRING SUITS.

The suits for early Spring which some of the designers are already showing to the overseas buyers, are mostly of kasha and fine tweed. For dressy occasions, black satin and the "cotelet" or corded silks are being used. The satin suits are very tempting although the corded silks suits and costumes, though they look sturdier, are really newer and therefore, in a sense, smarter.

In the dressy three-piece suits for which these two materials are being so much used, the same rules which apply to the sports and evening costumes hold good—that is, plenty of fullness for comfort coupled with a narrow, straight line effect. The satin lends itself well to pleating so that, pleated side panels and apron tunics are quite frequently to be found figuring in satin suits and costumes. As to the satin and "cotelet" silk coats, they tend to keep to the simple, straight lines, all coats have followed or some time. They also tend, however, to fasten nearer the front and to finish with upstanding collars. These two are the only slight changes I noticed, although there were some coats that broke all rules by having no collar at all and fastening right over on the left hip, surprise fashion.

THE GENERAL SILHOUETTE.

To sum up what designers have as yet revealed of the new Spring styles, one may say that the general silhouette will not be changed to any serious extent but rather that it will be refined with the object of allowing more freedom of movement and more distinction of design. The material that will be used will be mostly soft and the colours, also, will tend towards soft and delicate shades. Black, of course, is the inevitable exception, otherwise all the models I saw were carried out in soft shades of brown, gray, green, pink, mauve and blue. Almond green will be revived, also that rich shade of brown known as "tabac." One of the innovations will be a wonderful shade of rose magenta, a newly-invented colour that has all the brilliance of magenta with all of its trying qualities as all out of the lights which make it such a difficult and dangerous colour to wear, have been toned down by the rose when that has been woven into it. This colour is one of Eliane's discoveries and she is showing a whole salon filled with exquisite models made of fine straw and ribbon pleated, twisted and plaited into a hundred original shapes and all of them in this new shade. Glancing at these and taking Eliane as a criterion among milliners, I would say that the return of the big hat is not for next season. All the shapes on show were just as small and close-fitting as ever they have been, and the only detail of difference seemed to be that, instead of square and high, pinched crowns, all the shapes showed round crowns that fitted closely the shape of the head.

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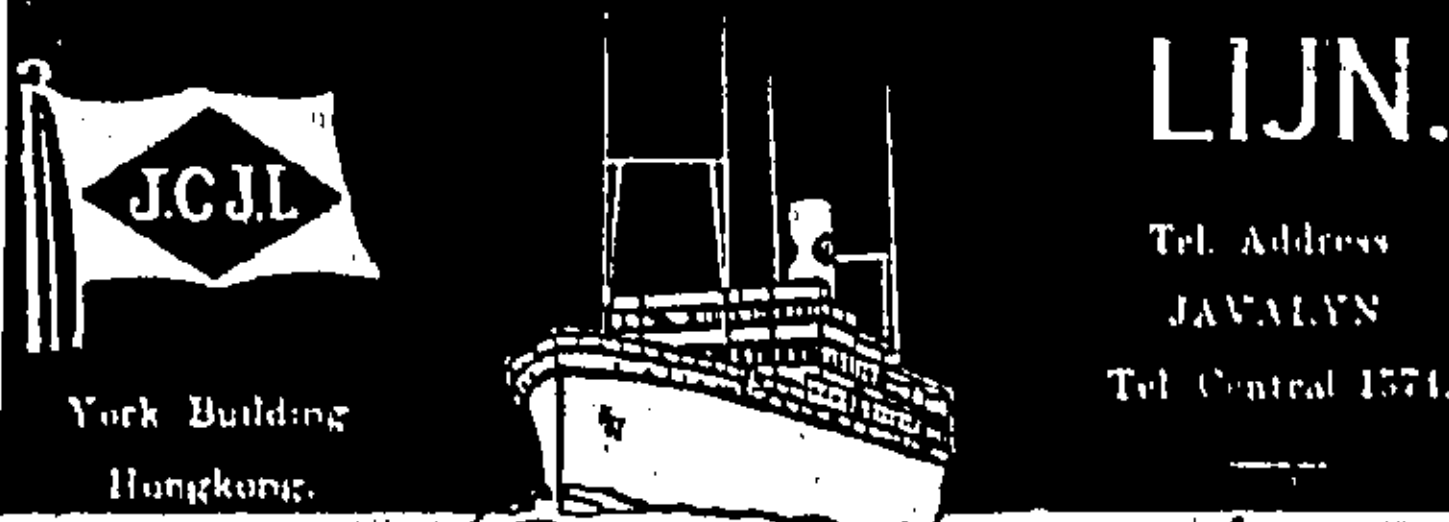
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RUSSIA'S NAVAL REVIVAL.
ENIGMA OF THE RED FLEET.

Sea power derives its chief significance from the political creed of the nation that wields it. According to the aims and ambitions of that country it is either a direct menace to peace, as in the case of Germany before the war; a disquieting factor of uncertainty, as in the case of Russia before the war with Japan; or an assurance of the safeguarding of international rights and freedom, as in the case of the British Navy. Sea power has always arisen and grown upon the principle of response to a definite objective. History furnishes no example of a nation creating a wide fleet for the simple object of mere possession of armaments. There has always been either an aggressive or a defensive idea at the back of all organized naval creation. Sometimes this is readily apparent; sometimes it is comparatively obscure. In fact, it may be taken as an elementary principle that no war weapon is ever fashioned without some conception of using it.

To the most casual student of strategic problems the annual programme of the great naval Powers present a perfectly clear revelation of settled policy. If Great Britain proposes to develop Singapore or to build a large class of blue-water cruisers; if France concentrates upon the construction of large numbers of torpedo craft and submarines; if Italy creates a new chain of bases in the Mediterranean—the reason for these things is not far to seek. There is nothing mysterious about them.

Applying this principle to the present-day resurrection of Russian sea power, we are led to an answer of a distinctly less reassuring character. We begin by asking why, after a period of some six years of absolute indifference to the subject of sea power, Russia has suddenly awakened to keen activity in re-creating her moribund Navy? There is no visible explanation for this outbreak of new policy. The Russian Mercantile Marine is almost negligible to-day, and no attempt is made to explain a sudden realization of the necessity to protect it and the trade routes over which it passes. Coast defence is of no more importance to Russia to-day than ever it has been, since the bombardment or even the destruction of all the ports of that self-contained country could make but little difference to the course of a war in her territories. Moreover, there is no visible possibility of an attack upon the Russian sea-frontiers.

Therefore, we come to the conclusion that Russia's new naval policy is not based upon any sudden perception of defensive necessities. The alternative inference is that it must have an aggressive purpose—not necessarily to the extent of warlike intention, but as an active factor for giving point to her general national policy.

Bolshevism was created by, and exists upon, military enforcement. But for the dictatorship of the Red Army Russia would not be the economic ruin we see to-day. It is a curious psychological phase, by no means confined to the Muscovite, that failure in any great individual experiment always brings the desire to drag others into the misfortune. The Soviet statesmen (if I may prostitute such a respectable word) are perfectly conscious that Bolshevism is a domestic failure; so they are fervently striving to make it an international failure. Their intrigues and their propaganda to this end are so amazing that no succession of historians is ever likely to get to the bottom of them. The Zinovieff letter is a little sample of their principles. The misbegotten disciples of Red ruin will stop at nothing in their efforts to divert the world's attention from their own wreckage by spreading their amiable doctrines over the rest of civilization. Their malignant purpose merely deepens with their failure.

In a word, here, I suggest, is the true explanation for the revival of Russian naval power. The Red Fleet is designed to be an adjunct to the Red Army. Not long ago it was reported from a very credible source that the whole of the Soviet Navy is to proceed to Vladivostok as soon as it is deemed fit to attempt such a voyage. Japan has recently warned Russia that she must mend her ways, so far as these are being exercised in directions which immediately concern her, otherwise she will break off all further negotiations. Whether this attitude may bring about a reconsideration of the alleged decision with regard to the Red Fleet is a point upon which we can only speculate; Moscow is certainly not likely to enlighten us.

Like everything else in Russia at the present day the Red Fleet is an enigma. We have no means of estimating its relative fighting value. It is believed that a considerable proportion of the officers of the old Imperial Navy are retained in it, and it is certainly known that an organized effort has been made to collect men with some degree of sea training. The battleships *Sevastopol* and *Petrovsk* (renamed *Marat* and *Pariz Commune*) were at sea during the summer manoeuvres and they did a good deal of shooting, described as of very poor quality; their 12-inch guns, of which each vessel mounts two, are of 23,000 tons and, with turbines of 42,000 h.p., were designed for 23 knots. According to report they never touched 15 knots during the manoeuvres in the Gulf of Finland.

The Soviet Baltic Fleet claims to possess five seaworthy cruisers. Of these the *Urala Zetkin* is by far the most formidable, assuming that she is in anything approaching an effective condition. She has a displacement of 8,000 tons, a full-power speed of 29 knots, and an armament of sixteen 5.1-inch quick-firers. The submarine and destroyer flotillas number about a dozen craft apiece, but, although these are reasonably modern in type, from long disuse their present-day efficiency is probably low. With the miscellaneous craft which the Bolsheviks have been able to rake together in the Baltic ports, it is likely that they can dispose of about a hundred vessels in that sea.

With the return of the remains of the Wrangel Fleet—interned at Bizerta in 1920—the Soviet Black Sea Fleet will get the battleship *Alexander III.* for what she may be worth beneath her rich coating of rust, a couple of light-cruisers, and a small batch of destroyers. But the Black Sea Fleet is not at present figuring very prominently in the naval plans of the Bolsheviks. There is only one modern ship in it—the cruiser *Sovetskaya Ukraina*, which is very similar to the *Urala Zetkin*. The Black Sea shipyards are in a deplorable state of inefficiency, and can do little towards reconditioning the ships in these waters. Such of them as are capable of steaming will probably be brought around into the Baltic. There they could be tunneled up and rendered fit to attempt the voyage to Vladivostok—or for any other purpose to which the Soviet may contemplate putting them.

As against any navy worthy the name the Red Fleet would be no match. But as far as we can gather it is not the policy of the Bolsheviks to bring it into rivalry with any navy worthy of the name. The German post-war fleet, comprising eight pre-Dreadnought battleships, could make a nasty mess of the Red Fleet, probably at the expense of little, if any material loss to itself. So the Red Fleet is not likely to trouble the German coast.

The appearance of a mysterious squadron off the port of Riga during the attempted revolutionary enterprise by a mob of Communists gives us a pretty definite clue to the manner in which the Red Fleet is to be employed—for the present. When the Riga outbreak failed the mysterious squadron fitted away. It has evidently been waiting for some pre-arranged signal which was never given. Now the ominous significance of this lies in the self-evident fact that the Soviet Government knew all about this Communist conspiracy and were prepared to support it had the coup come off. What nice next-door neighbours for any country to have!

In short, the reviving sea power of Russia is to be used openly or insidiously, as opportunity may offer, for the enforcement of Bolshevik doctrines. This is playing with edged tools with a vengeance! That such a policy may provoke an act of war at any moment is too obvious to need any labouring. The armed craft of Estonia and Finland constitute negligible forces. Probably there is nothing the Soviet would like better than to provoke them into some act which could be misrepresented into unprovoked aggression. Denmark has plunged into naval disarmament—a step of which she is now probably rather questioning the complete wisdom. Sweden and Norway maintain but very slender navies. Germany alone is the only other sea power to be reckoned with in the Baltic to-day, and Russia is not likely to stir up that nest.

The position is clearly one of ominous possibilities, and it is not wholly unnatural that we should associate with the fact that a British naval cruiser in the Baltic has, apparently, now become a regular annual event. The question, at present, remains a political one. We are directly concerned in trying to restrict the spread of Communist propaganda in a gradually recovering Europe. If Russia designs to employ her Red Fleet in fermenting and actively abetting such outbreaks as recently occurred at Riga, the political aspect may very soon assume a purely naval one. It is impossible to say how far it may suit the real purpose of Germany to remain passive to any Russian intrigues which do not directly touch her own interests. Her present navy is quite adequate to balancing the Red Fleet. Great Britain has no desire to take an oar in that galley if she can help it. The interesting question is whether a situation may be forced by the Red Fleet in which it would be the worst possible policy for her to refrain from having something rather effective to say—(Sir Herbert Russell in the *Naval and Military Record*).

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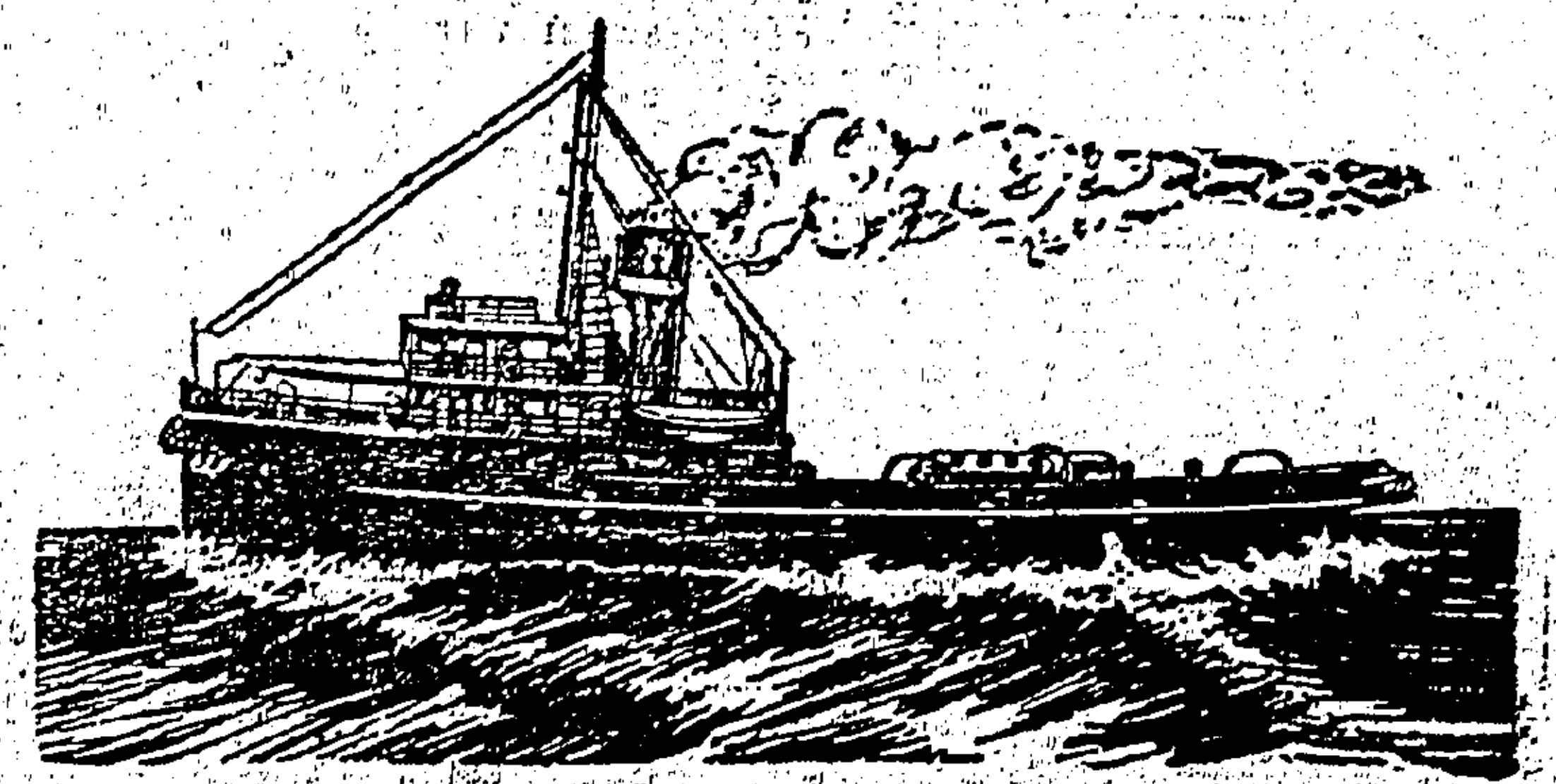
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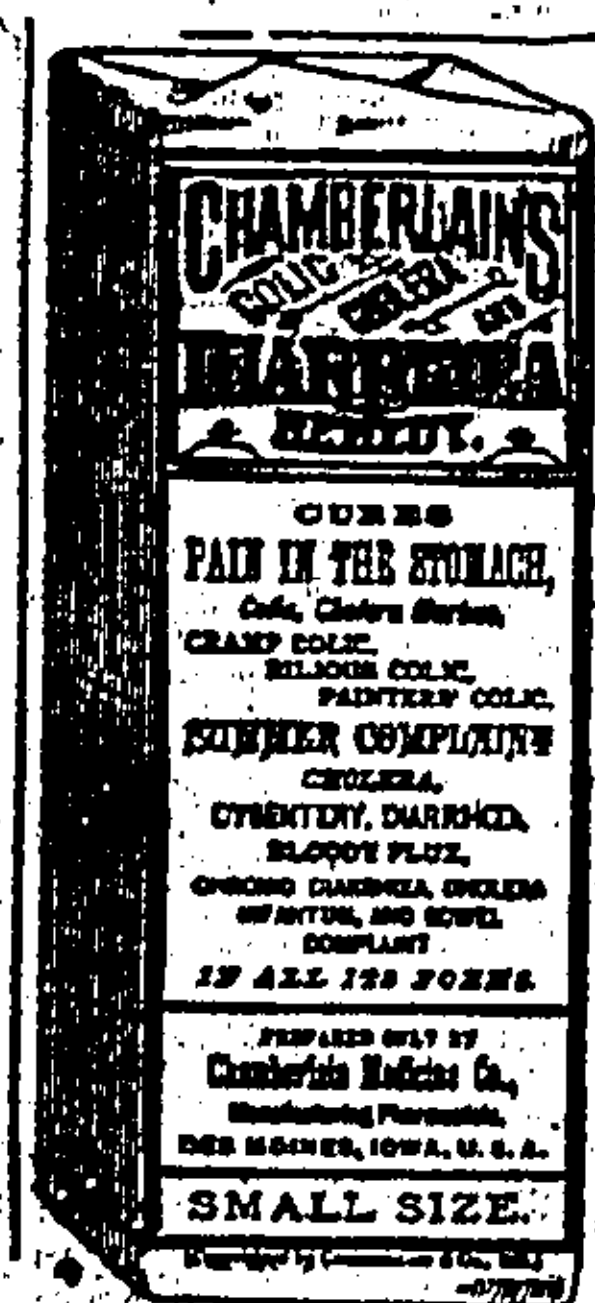
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HAIPHONG, MANILA, Cebu & Zamboanga	President McKinley	Am.	Admiral Oriental Line	On 20th inst.
	West Ivan	Am.	Struthers & Barry	On 20th inst.

WEATHER REPORT.

February 16th at 13.00.—Pressure is nearly stationary over the Leeward and central Japan and has decreased slightly elsewhere. Depressions are still shown to the S.E. of the Leeward and over the southern Philippines. Moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea. Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 19 hours, Feb. 16th 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 4.36 inches, against an average of 2.37 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at 19 hours, Feb. 17th is as follows:—
District: N.E. winds, moderate; cloudy, at first clearing later.
Hongkong to Gap Rock: do.
Formosa Channel: do.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamook: do.
South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: do.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, February 16th.		
Previous Day	On Date	On Date
at 2 p.m.	at 2 p.m.	at 2 p.m.
Barometer ... 29.99	29.95	29.91
Temperature ... 59	59	61
Humidity ... 90	83	80
Wind Direction ... E	E	ENE
Force ... 1	3	3
Weather ... c	o	o
Rain ... 0.00	0.00	0.00
Highest open-air Temperature on 15th ... 58		
Lowest open-air Temperature on 16th ... 57		

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From February 17th to 23rd, 1925.

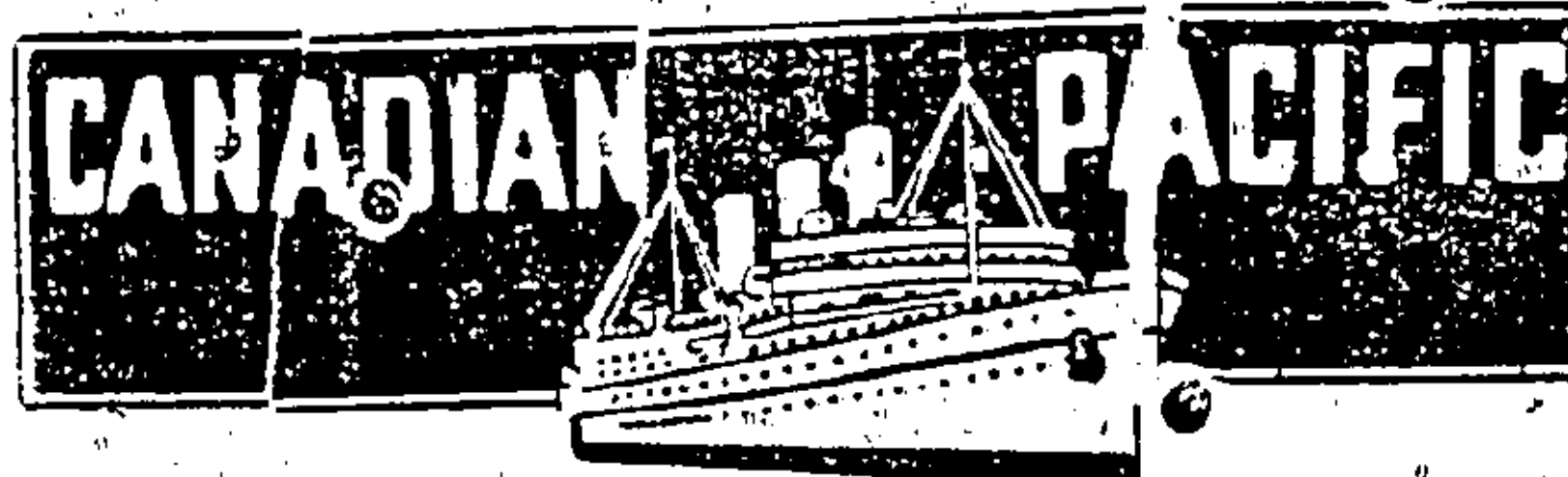
HIGH WATER.				LOW WATER.			
Date	Time	Height	Time	Date	Time	Height	Time
Tues. 17	4 11	11 1	10 22	Wed. 18	5 18	10 3	11 22
Wed. 18	5 18	10 3	11 22	Thur. 19	6 23	10 4	11 27
Thur. 19	6 23	10 4	11 27	Fri. 20	7 21	10 5	11 32
Fri. 20	7 21	10 5	11 32	Satur. 21	8 19	11 0	11 37
Satur. 21	8 19	11 0	11 37	Sun. 22	9 16	11 1	11 42
Sun. 22	9 16	11 1	11 42	Mon. 23	10 17	11 2	11 47

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONGKONG.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
Feb. 17th	6.54 a.m.	6.21 p.m.
" 18th	6.54	6.21
" 19th	6.53	6.22
" 20th	6.52	6.22
" 21st	6.51	6.23
" 22nd	6.50	6.23
" 23rd	6.49	6.24
" 24th	6.48	6.25
" 25th	6.47	6.25
" 26th	6.47	6.25
" 27th	6.46	6.26
" 28th	6.45	6.27

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Feb. 13	Mar. 1	Empress Asia	Mar. 1
Mar. 13	Mar. 15	Empress Canada	Mar. 15

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KATORI MARU ... Wednesday, 11th Mar.
HAMBURG via LONDON & ROTTERDAM.
DURBAN MARU ... Tuesday, 17th March.
LIVERPOOL via ADEN & MARSEILLES.
TORA MARU ... Tuesday, 10th March.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila Ports.
YAMAGATA MARU ... Wednesday, 18th Feb., at 11 a.m.
TAMBA MARU ... Wednesday, 18th Mar.
NEW-YORK & BOSTON via PANAMA.
TAKETOYO MARU ... Thursday, 19th Feb.
BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban & Cape Town.
KAMAKURA MARU (calls Delagoa Bay & Port Elizabeth) ... Wednesday, 4th Mar.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.
TOTTORI MARU ... Saturday, 28th Feb.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
TOMIURA MARU ... Friday, 20th Feb.
HEIYO MARU ... Wednesday, 3rd Mar.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
AKI MARU ... Thursday, 12th Mar.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
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"MALWA"	10,941	7th Mar.	Marseilles & London
"JEYPORE"	6,684	11th Mar.	Singapore, Penang, & Bombay.
"SOUDAN"	8,563	18th Mar.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	21st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	21st Mar.	Singapore & Bombay
"MEZAPPORE"	6,715	26th Mar.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"SIOLIA"	6,812	31st Mar.	Marseilles & London
"KARMALA"	10,902	4th Apr.	Marseilles & London
"MACEDONIA"	9,005	18th Apr.	Mars. L'don. & A'werp.
"NAGOYA"	11,089	2nd May	Marseilles & London
"SARDINIA"	6,884	16th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"SOUDAN"	6,688	25th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"MOREA"	10,911	30th May	Marseilles & London
"SIOLIA"	9,118	13th June	Mars. L'don. & A'werp.
"MALWA"	6,813	23rd June	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
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"MANTUA"	10,902	11th July	Mars. L'don. & Antwerp

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"TILAWA"	10,006	18th Feb. 1 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TALAMBA"	8,018	28th Feb.	do.
"TAKIWA"	7,938	9th Mar.	do.
"TAKIWA"	7,932	19th Mar.	do.
"TAKIWA"	6,946	27th Mar.	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	18th Apr.	do.
"TILAWA"	10,006	25th Apr.	do.

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"TANDA"	6,958	28th Feb.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	1st April	
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	29th April	
"TANDA"	6,958	3rd June	
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"TAKIWA"	7,932	25th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SIOLIA"	6,812	7th Mar.	Moji & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	7th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,902	7th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TAKADA"	6,949	7th Mar.	Moji & Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,098	21st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TALMA"	10,000	28th Mar.	Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	3rd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th Apr.	Moji & Kobe.
"TILAWA"	10,006	4th Apr.	Kobe.
"SARDINIA"	6,884	17th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"NAGOYA"	6,884	25th Apr.	do.
"MOREA"	10,911	1st May	do.
"SOUDAN"	6,688	1st May	do.
"TANDA"	6,958	9th May	Moji & Kobe.
"KALYAN"	9,118	15th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SIOLIA"	10,941	29th May	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	29th May	Shanghai & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	9,005	6th June	Moji & Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,902	12th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SARDINIA"	6,884	28th June	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	28th June	Shanghai & Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	4th July	Moji & Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	10th July	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,958	24th July	do.
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SAIGON	"KIULIANG"	On 17th Feb. 2 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LINAN"	On 18th Feb. Noon
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"TIENTSIN"	On 19th Feb. 11 a.m.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"TAMING"	On 19th Feb. 11 a.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KANGSU"	On 21st Feb. Noon
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"KANGSU"	On 21st Feb. Noon
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KANGSU"	On 21st Feb. Noon
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KANGSU"	On 21st Feb. Noon
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"KANGSU"	On 21st Feb. Noon
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KANGSU"	On 21st Feb. Noon
HOIHOW & BANGKOK	"KANGSU"	On 21st Feb. Noon

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SS. "PERSIA"	...	Sailing 17th Mar.
SS. "DUCHESSE D'ASTA"	...	Sailing 19th Apr.
SS. "BOANDRA"	...	Sailing 10th May

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From	Per	Due
JAPAN	Mikuma Maru ...	17th Feb.
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN AND SHANGHAI	Pres. McKinley ...	17th Feb.
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. Pierce ...	17th Feb.
SAIGON	Angkor ...	17th Feb.
SHANGHAI	Kanchow ...	18th Feb.
Europe via Suez (Letters & Papers, London, 22nd Jan., and Parcels, 10th Jan.)	Kathgar ...	21st Feb.
STRAITS	Kashima Maru ...	23rd Feb.
AUSTRALIA & MANILA	Taiwan ...	23rd Feb.
JAPAN	Kamo Maru ...	24th Feb.
U.S.A., HONOLULU, JAPAN AND SHANGHAI	Pres. McKinley ...	25th Feb.
	Pres. Adams ...	2nd March

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	DATE
Straits	Glenahed ...	Tuesday, 17th, 8.31 A.M.
Fort Bayard	Hoi Nam ...	9.30 A.M.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kuatsang ...	10.30 A.M.
Kailow	Tan ...	10.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Huichang ...	12.30 P.M.
Saigun	Kuatsang ...	12.30 P.M.
Formosa	Lerk ...	3.30 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan, and EUROPE via Siberia (Correspondence specially subscribed "Via Siberia" only)	Angkor ...	3.30 P.M.
Bangkok	Elvia ...	3.30 P.M.
Swatow	Fishing ...	5.45 P.M.
Kongmoon	Sauing ...	5.45 P.M.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday	Mikuma Maru ...	Wednesday, 18th, 8.45 A.M.
Island, 1st March	Lynn ...	9.30 A.M.
Shanghai	Taiwan ...	11.30 A.M.
Straits and Calcutta	Pres. McKinley ...	3.30 P.M.
Manila	Tuning ...	Thursday, 19th, 9.31 A.M.
Haitow, Pakhoi and Hsichong	Sardina ...	10.31 A.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa	Sau Ning ...	5.45 P.M.
Kongmoon		
Ehanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America, and EUROPE via VANCOUVER, B.C.—due Vancouver, B.C., 11th March	Em. of Australia ...	Friday, 20th, 9.00 A.M.
	Registration ...	9.15 A.M.
	Letters ...	10.00 A.M.
Manila	Perous ...	2.30 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hui Ning ...	3.00 P.M.
Manila	W. Vonentum ...	3.30 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt, and EUROPE via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles, 21st March	Kashmir ...	Parcels, 20th, 5.00 P.M.
	Registration ...	Saturday, 21st, 9.45 A.M.
	Letters ...	10.30 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., C. & S. America & Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 19th March	Siberia Maru ...	10.00 A.M.
Straits and Calcutta	Huang ...	1.00 P.M.
Haitow and Hsichong	Mingang ...	Sunday, 22nd, 8.30 A.M.
Swatow & Bangkok	Yatshing ...	9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kashio Maru ...	9.00 A.M.
Shanghai and Japan	Kashima Maru ...	Tuesday, 24th, 10.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haitow ...	Noon
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt, and EUROPE via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles 26th March	Kamo Maru ...	Wednesday, 25th, 8.45 A.M.
	Registration ...	9.31 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Cent. and South America, and EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 17th March	Pres. McKinley ...	Thursday, 26th, Noon
	Registration ...	2.45 P.M.
	Letters ...	3.30 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, and EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO—due San Francisco, 24th March	Pres. Pierce ...	Parcels 27th, 5.00 P.M.
	Registration ...	Friday, 27th, 9.45 A.M.
	Letters ...	9.30 A.M.

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ON LONDON.—		
Telegraphic Transfer ...	—2/3	
Bank Bills, on demand ...	—2/3 15/16	
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ...	—	
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ...	3/4	
Credits, at 4 months' sight ...	2/4	
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight ...	—2/4	
ON PARIS.—		
Bank Bills, on demand ...	—	1,070
Credits, 4 months' sight ...	—	1,170
ON NEW YORK.—		
Bank Bills, on demand ...	—	55 1/2
Credits, at 30 days' sight ...	—	57
ON BOMBAY.—		
Telegraphic Transfer ...	}	155
Bank Bills, on demand ...		
ON CALCUTTA.—		
Telegraphic Transfer ...	}	155
Bank Bills, on demand ...		
ON SHANGHAI.—		
Bank Bills, at sight ...	}	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight ...		
ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand ...		142
ON MANILA.—On demand ...		110 1/2
ON SINGAPORE.—On demand ...		194
ON BATAVIA.—On demand ...		104 1/2
ON HONGKONG.—On demand ...		nom.
ON SAIGON.—On demand ...		—
ON CEBU.—On demand ...		79 1/2
ROTTENBOM, Bank's Buying rate		83 1/2
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael ...		47
BAR SILVER, per oz. ...		32